

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION STATION, ANGEL ISLAND

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, on January 21, 2010, we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the United States Immigration Station, Angel Island. This national historic landmark, designated as one of America's most endangered historic sites, served as a processing center for immigrants coming across the Pacific from 1910 to 1940. More than one million immigrants, including those from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Central and South America were processed at the station. This "Ellis Island of the West," also known as "The Guardian of the Western Gate," was designed to control the flow of immigration, especially from China. While many immigrants passed through, many were detained here for lengthy periods of time. Inscribed on the walls of the barracks are their voices of hope, fear and despair.

The facility was used by the U.S. Army during World War II, then abandoned, and became part of the California State Park system in 1963. I was proud to have helped secure federal funding to rebuild the dilapidated barracks which enabled the facility to reopen to the public in February 2009. I will continue my commitment to restoring not just an historic landmark but a symbol of the struggles and courage of people from around the globe who look to America as the land of possibility.

In addition to its unique history, Angel Island is a place of great beauty and breathtaking views. It is imperative that we as San Franciscans and Americans preserve and enhance what Angel Island represents culturally, educationally, recreationally and environmentally for present and future generations.

JOB-KILLING AGENDA CONTINUES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, sadly the Labor Department said today that claims for unemployment insurance rose last week. The unemployment rate is still at 10 percent with more seeking jobless benefits each day. When will Congress get the message?

The job-killing agenda pushed by liberals in 2009 needs to be scrapped. A national takeover of health care and a national energy tax will only worsen a stagnant economy. The National Federation of Independent Business has sounded the alarm about how the health care takeover scheme will kill 1.6 million jobs.

A national energy tax would be just as devastating, raising gas prices, food prices, and the cost of doing business for millions of Americans. \$3,400 a year is what American families might be forced to pay if this national energy tax passes. American manufacturing would be made non-competitive with foreign manufacturers.

It's time to put these bad ideas to rest and look forward to policies to create jobs and capital. We should heed the counsel of Steve Forbes in his new book, *How Capitalism Will Save Us*.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11 in the Global War on Terrorism.

ACCELERATION OF INCOME TAX BENEFITS FOR CHARITABLE CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4462, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquakes in Haiti, introduced by my illustrious colleague Representative CHARLES B. RANGEL, from New York. This legislation will allow qualifying charitable donations for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti that are made between January 11, 2010, and March 1, 2010, to be treated as if such contributions were made in 2009, rather than in 2010. This will give Americans even more incentive to give to the relief efforts in Haiti.

Madam Speaker, the world witnessed the vivid devastation of Haiti's strongest earthquake in more than two centuries on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 which rocked the very core of the Caribbean. With thousands reported dead and thousands more estimated to be counted in that group, it has been the custom and the unstipulated duty of the American people to help our fellow world citizens in their time of desperation and need!

I have the honor and privilege to represent and serve a city such as Houston, Texas, which has, time and time again, shown its generosity and caring spirits, to anyone who is in need. This is why this bill is very significant; notwithstanding our current economic condition, America is STILL doing what it does best, giving much needed aid and hope to whom ever is in need. We are already playing a key role in both security and much-needed funds in Haiti. This bill will identify a qualified contribution as "a cash contribution made for the relief of victims in areas affected by the earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010" and will give much needed tax relief to the many companies and private citizens who have already given millions of dollars to the relief efforts.

The passage of this bill will cultivate more donations for the people of Haiti by "accel-

erating the tax benefit for certain charitable cash contributions made for the victims of the earthquake." We are not reinventing the wheel; similar changes to tax law were done after the tsunami that struck Thailand and Indonesia in December 2004 and other tax considerations were put in place after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005. The bill would waive the current law provision that limits charitable deductions to 50% of a taxpayer's income and 10% for Corporations.

It is also in the United States' best interest, especially pertaining to foreign policy, to help, in any capacity, the relief and ultimate recovery of the nation of Haiti; it will also help govern the global message of "goodwill", which our President deems necessary for the prosperity of us all. For these reasons, I deeply support this legislation and implore my colleagues to join me in this endeavor.

HONORING TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSIONS TEAM

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, there is not a member of this body who has not been gripped by the graphic stories and images coming out of Haiti since the tragic earthquake on January 12. The human suffering is on a scale we can scarcely comprehend, and its proximity to our country and the need of its victims have rightly roused the charitable spirit of the American people. In the midst of such tragedy, however, we look to stories of hope from the rubble. I would like to share one of those stories today.

On January 9, fifteen members of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hackettstown, NJ, departed for an eight-day missions trip to Port-au-Prince and Bon Regos, Haiti. This missions team delivered dozens of suitcases filled with medical equipment and personal hygiene items to orphanages, hospitals, and schools in some of Haiti's most disadvantaged neighborhoods. Thankfully, no one on the trip was seriously injured in the earthquake. In the following days, thanks to the tireless work of the State Department and the kindness of strangers, the entire team was evacuated to the Bahamas and is now safe at home with their families and loved ones.

While it was not their intention when they signed up, the members of this team deserve to be recognized for their selflessness and service. Their names are:

Rev. Frank L. Fowler III, Leslie Williams-Wexler, Virginia G. Mitchell, Erica L. Pattky, Frank Proccaccini, Suzanne P. Buchanan, Melissa J. Deibel, Kim M. Koch, Vicki L. Mueller, Virginia L. Thorp, Taylor S. Thorp, Danielle S. Chamberlain, Kathryn A. Stiner, Linda C. Callahan, and Carmen M. Courter.

I join their family, friends, and parishioners in a prayer of thanksgiving for their safe return. I am especially proud of Erica Pattky and

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Taylor Thorp, two teenagers from my district who were part of this team. Their commitment to service at such a young age is a model for people of all ages in our community.

In the coming months and years, American churches, non-profits, and relief-aid organizations will play a vital role in stabilizing and rebuilding the Republic of Haiti. I am convinced that Americans will answer the call to "Love thy neighbor," not due to any government mandate or social obligation, but because it's just what Americans do. In crises both small and large, the United States has proven itself the most philanthropic and charitable nation in the world. I thank the members of Trinity Methodist for providing such a courageous example.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REGINALD "JACK" HORACE FINNEY, JR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of a man who generously helped shape his state and community. Jack Finney of Greenville, Texas passed away on January 1, 2010, at the age of ninety-three.

Jack was born to Reginald Horace Finney Sr. and Valma Bracken in Commerce, Texas on August 15, 1916. Finney attended Paris High School in Paris, Texas. He later graduated from Texas A&M in College Station with a degree in agricultural administration.

Jack founded Finney's Holsum Bread Company in Greenville shortly after graduation. At age thirty-six, Jack was appointed to the Texas A&M Board of Directors where he recruited the famous "Junction Boys" football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. President and CEO of the Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University, Porter Garner, called Finney a great Aggie and states, "He was always there when Texas A&M needed him."

Jack was a proud resident of Greenville, stating in a 2006 interview, "I could've left Greenville when I sold the bakery, but I stayed here. This is where I was meant to be." He donated land to the city where a public library and swimming pool now sit. He was also a major contributor to the nearby Texas A&M University at Commerce and Hunt Memorial Hospital District Foundation.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Lou House Finney. He will be missed by his large family and the grateful citizens of Greenville.

Madam Speaker, Jack Finney was my good friend for many years. I could always rely on Jack to give me his honest opinion about any issue—as well as his support. Jack was the heart and soul of Greenville, and he will be greatly missed. As we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of this great American, Jack Finney.

CONGRESSWOMAN JAN MEYERS
POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wholeheartedly support the naming of the United States Post Office Building located at 9727 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the "Congresswoman Jan Meyers Post Office Building." Congresswoman Meyers represented the 3rd District of Kansas in the United States House of Representatives from January 3, 1985 until January 3, 1997. I had the honor of serving with Mrs. Meyers in the 104th Congress, her last two years in Congress. It truly was an honor to learn from her. The state of Kansas is a better place for her tireless service.

Born Janice Lenore Crilly on July 20, 1928 in Lincoln, Nebraska, Mrs. Meyers was raised in Superior, Nebraska. She attended William Woods College in Missouri and the University of Nebraska, earning an Associate Fine Arts degree and a B.A. in communications, respectively. She then married Louis "Dutch" Meyers in 1953, eventually having two children, Valerie and Philip.

Jan Meyers became active in politics in 1966 on the campaign of Edward Lawrence "Larry" Winn, Jr. for the U.S. House of Representatives. She later went on to become a district co-chairwoman for Senator Bob Dole's first U.S. Senate campaign. Mrs. Meyers went into public service herself as a city councilwoman in the city of Overland Park, from 1967–1972. She left the city council in 1972 when she was elected to the State Senate. Congresswoman Meyers then served in the State Senate until her election to the United States House of Representatives in 1984.

Congresswoman Meyers became the Chairwoman of the House Committee on Small Business in the 104th Congress, becoming just the 4th Republican woman to become the chair of a full committee. As a staunch fiscal conservative, she was dedicated to empowering the small business owners of America by introducing legislation to protect their interests and lower taxes to help them expand. Kansas is strong because of our small businesses and Congresswoman Meyers made them stronger. She believed that government works best when it facilitates, rather than restricts private business, as I do.

Congresswoman Meyers did not run for reelection to the 105th Congress in order to spend more time with her family. She said "There are other things in life I want to do, and being a Member of Congress, if you take the job seriously, simply does not leave time."

During her time in Congress, the Congresswoman was fond of saying "Listen to your conscience and your constituents—both. Most of the time they'll agree." This is truly the best way to represent your constituents and has been my goal during my time in this body.

I would like to thank Jan Meyers for acting as a mentor to me in my freshman year and for her dedicated service to Kansas. This legislation is a fitting tribute to an honorable

woman and a respected member of this distinguished body. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS
YOUNG, MASSACHUSETTS
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my personal congratulations to Nicholas Young who was recently named superintendent of the year by the state superintendents' association. I would like to express my gratitude for Mr. Young's hard work, dedication and leadership.

Mr. Young has served with distinction as the superintendent for the Hadley Public Schools for nine years and continues to be an exemplary educational leader.

Nicholas Young is a very active citizen as he serves as president of the state superintendents association and has previously served as president-elect and vice president. He is also the acting chairman of the state Task Force on Small and Rural School Districts and a member of the state Professional Development Committee and the state Legislative Committee.

We join with Mr. Young's family, friends, colleagues and students as he is honored next month at the National Conference on Education in Phoenix, Arizona.

NICHOLAS YOUNG NAMED MASS.
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

(By Diane Lederman)

The program is part of the American Association of School Administrators National Superintendent of the year awards.

In a statement, Thomas Scott, executive director of the state association, stated that Young "is an exceptional educational leader. In addition to his many accomplishments in the Hadley Public Schools, he has been an exemplary model for his colleagues throughout the state, influencing state policy through active research and providing comprehensive and cutting-edge professional development programs."

Young, who has been superintendent here for nine years, said he was pleased and proud to be recognized.

He said it was good for the community anytime someone is recognized in town—be it he or a teacher or administrator.

"It highlights the town having a top-notch school system," he said.

Young is president of the state superintendents association and had previously been president-elect and vice president.

He is also the chairman of the state Task Force on Small and Rural School Districts and a member of the state Professional Development Committee and the state Legislative Committee.

In 2008, he was one of 158 educators from across the country selected to participate in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Fellowship, spending more than two weeks in that country.

Young and the other state winners will be honored next month at the National Conference on Education in Phoenix, Ariz.

The national winner will also be announced then.

HONORING THEODORA J. KALIKOW
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
AT FARMINGTON'S SUSTAINABLE
CAMPUS COALITION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Theodora J. Kalikow and the University of Maine at Farmington's Sustainable Campus Coalition.

Earlier this month President Theodora J. Kalikow announced that the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) had finalized its roadmap to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality by 2035. The "Climate Action Plan", as it is called, was developed through UMF's own Sustainable Campus Coalition, a collaborative group of driven students, faculty, staff and community members. The plan identifies a number of strategies to reduce carbon emissions, including implementing energy efficient behavior and policies, ensuring future campus structures conform to LEED standards and investing in the use of renewable energy.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the UMF campus uses approximately 20 percent fewer British thermal units (BTU) per square foot than the national average for colleges of similar size and climate. Despite an 11 percent increase in campus building space, the university managed to reduce campus wide energy costs by 5 percent of the 2005 levels. A new geothermal heating and cooling system is projected to save \$60,000 and 325 metric tons of carbon emissions per year. These astounding feats are made even more impressive by the fact that the university community led the planning process, with little to no cost to the university system.

The leadership of UMF President Theodora Kalikow in guiding the campus towards energy solutions that reduce greenhouse gases and long-term energy costs is an inspiration to institutions everywhere. I applaud the efforts of the Sustainable Campus Coalition, which reminds us that biggest force of change in a community is the drive of its members. Although the nation has a long way to go in moving towards a clean energy future, the people of UMF have shown that progress is possible and that it is happening now.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Theodora J. Kalikow and the University of Maine at Farmington's Sustainable Campus Coalition for their efforts in making a clean energy campus a reality.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JACK
HOMER HITTSON, JR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow veteran and treasured citizen of Garland, Jack Hittson, who passed away last year, at the age of eighty-three.

Jack, a fifth generation Texan, was born June 19, 1925 in Palo Pinto, Texas. He graduated from Strawn High School at the age of

sixteen and enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington. Before completing his studies, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a pilot. Jack returned to college following World War II and graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry at the age of twenty-three.

Jack first practiced in Panama where he met and married his wife, Elizabeth Weltzin. Shortly thereafter, they moved to the Alaskan Territories where Jack began work with the Alaskan Health Service. Jack went on to attend the University of Tennessee at Memphis to specialize in orthodontics.

Following graduation, Jack was re-commissioned during the Korean War and stationed in Orleans, France. He returned to Garland after completion of his commission and started one of the first orthodontic practices in North Texas.

Jack was actively involved in the community where he volunteered his time and resources to the benefit of the YMCA, Boy Scouts, Masons, Garland Dental Club, Texas Dental Association, and the Texas Democrats.

Jack will be missed by his wife and the greater Garland community.

Madam Speaker, I commend Jack Hittson for his service to the North Texas community and his country.

CONGRATULATING NANCY
GOODMAN BRINKER

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 708, a bill to congratulate Ms. Nancy Goodman Brinker for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Nancy Brinker, a resident of my Congressional District in South Florida, has had a remarkable impact on the fight against breast cancer. As founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a foundation named for her sister who unfortunately lost her battle with breast cancer 30 years ago, Nancy has helped raise over \$1 billion dollars in support of research, education campaigns and support services for patients and their loved ones.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Race for the Cure have helped create a global movement to empower and support those touched by this disease. Now the largest grass roots breast cancer movement in the world, Susan G. Komen for the Cure offers a place for patients, their friends and family, and those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer to share their stories, raise awareness and donate their time and resources toward finally putting an end to this disease.

I was honored to participate in the Race for the Cure held in West Palm Beach, FL where I walked in honor of my sister, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. At this event, I was delighted to meet Nancy in person, and thank her for her tireless efforts in fighting this terrible disease.

Nancy's work to honor the life of her sister by helping countless others is truly admirable, and deserving of this distinguished civilian award. I would like to thank my friend from Illinois, Congressman SCHOCK for introducing this resolution, and Chairman TOWNS for his

leadership in bringing this bill to the House floor today. I urge passage of the bill and I yield back the balance of my time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, on January 19, I missed three rollcall votes numbered 6, 7, and 8 due to being unavoidably detained.

Rollcall No. 6 was a vote on congratulating the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for its 150 years of commitment to advancing science. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 7 was a vote on congratulating the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Championship. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 8 was a vote on commending the University of Virginia men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA National Championship. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

RESPECT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND SEAT SENATOR SCOTT BROWN

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, prior to my service in this body I had the honor for eight years to serve as Michigan's Secretary of State. In that role I also served as Michigan's chief elections officer.

I am always awed by elections where the people of this nation choose those who they wish to have serve them in government.

Everyone of us who serves in this House is here because of the will of the people.

The people's collective voice must always be honored and respected.

Yesterday we saw another example of the voice of the people when the voters of Massachusetts went to the polls in large numbers to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Ted Kennedy.

The result of that election is clear. The people of Massachusetts have chosen Senator SCOTT BROWN to be their voice. There is no doubt of the outcome, there is no contest to the election and his opponents have conceded.

When Senator Kennedy was elected in 1962 to fill the unexpired term of his brother President Kennedy, he was seated the very next day, because the people had clearly chosen him to do so.

Senator BROWN and the people of Massachusetts deserve the same consideration.

With all of the important issues facing this nation it is vital that the people's duly elected representatives are able to exercise their important duties.

I respectfully urge the other body to seat Senator BROWN immediately so that the people of Massachusetts can be heard through their elected Senator.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR.
DOUG W. YOUNG

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I recognize the loss of a wonderful public servant for Northern California, Mr. Doug Young. Doug was born on a small family farm in Sutter County and lived in Yolo County from 1971 until his death on January 3, 2010. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Diane Lee Young, for fifty-two years, and they have four grown children, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Doug received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Davis in 1958. After graduating, he worked as a loan processor and real estate appraiser at the Farm Credit Association until 1966. He performed similar tasks as a Regional Director of the United States Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration Loan Program from 1969 until 1977. He later established Douglas W. Young and Associates, where he acted as a consultant for development in rural areas of California, with a special focus on helping low and middle-income families.

Doug also served his nation and community through his efforts to advance the values and principles he believed in. He was a member of the Yolo County Republican Central Committee and volunteered many hours for the cause he was committed to and the like-minded individuals who sought elected office to uphold his cherished principles. He will be missed greatly by his family, his friends, his colleagues, and the countless people he affected in a positive and enduring way. I was proud to call him a friend, and privileged to watch him serve others with great sincerity and passion.

ACCELERATION OF INCOME TAX BENEFITS FOR CHARITABLE CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I commend Chairman RANGEL and Ranking Member CAMP for bringing this timely legislation to the floor and support its swift enactment.

Simply put, H.R. 4462 will allow charitable cash contributions for Haitian earthquake relief made before March 1, 2010 to be deducted on the contributor's 2009 tax return. As the ongoing rescue and recovery effort in Haiti is still very much an issue of life and death, this targeted initiative will reward those who have already given while providing an extra incentive for those who are considering a contribution. Additionally, I applaud Secretary Napolitano's decision to grant Temporary Protected Status to Haitian nationals living in the United States, which will enable these individuals to stay in the U.S. for up to 18 months past their visa expiration.

America is a generous and compassionate Nation that has always responded to our

neighbors in need. I'm proud to support this bipartisan legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JANET SIMPSON COYLE

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifelong teacher and public servant, Janet Coyle of Rowlett, Texas, who passed away last year at the age of ninety-nine.

Janet was born on April 7, 1910 in Brownwood, Texas to Charles and Janie Simpson. She taught elementary school in Garland, Richardson, and Rowlett for twenty-five years where she followed her personal motto, "There is something to love in every child."

Janet served as President of Classroom Teachers of Garland from 1959 to 1960. She later volunteered her time as the first woman on the Rowlett Planning and Zoning Commission. She was a charter member of the Rowlett Historical Society and was given the Chamber of Commerce Heritage Hall of Fame Award in 2007.

Janet was an active member of her church, First United Methodist of Rowlett, for seventy-seven years. She is preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, William "Bill" Coyle. She will be missed by her three daughters, Nancy Yarnes, Susan Kiby and husband, Larry, Beck Buttram and husband, Will; and son, Billy Coyle and wife, Missy.

Madam Speaker, I commend Janet Coyle for her lifelong devotion to education and public service in her community.

CONGRATULATING NANCY GOODMAN BRINKER

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 708, which congratulates Ambassador Nancy Goodman Brinker for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

I was thrilled when I heard the news last year that President Barack Obama had given this highest civilian honor to Ambassador Brinker.

No one could be more deserving of this great honor. For nearly 30 years she has brought a deep passion to the fight against breast cancer. She has built an organization like no other to fight this terrible disease.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the largest and most progressive group of breast cancer activists in the world.

The Race for the Cure, which is now a global effort, has helped raise over a billion dollars for research, health services and educational efforts supporting millions of women in need. All of this because of Nancy, her passion and her vision.

It has been an honor and privilege to work with Nancy over the last year and I cannot

think of a more courageous, dedicated, and passionate woman to honor today.

I thank my colleagues and friends Congressman AARON SCHOCK and Congresswoman JAN SCHAKOWSKY for introducing this fitting and well deserved resolution.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES K. STRICKLAND

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. James K. Stickland, on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Support Officer at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

As the Senior Leader assigned coordination of VIP visits, he was successful in promoting the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and its accomplishments to all levels of government, from local mayors in the community up to and including State and U.S. Senators. Those visits had a positive impact on the Naval Sea Systems Command as a whole in that they enabled our governmental representatives to see first-hand the special circumstances and challenging work situations we encounter every day in the ship repair community.

As the Executive Support Officer, he directed a staff which encompasses security, public affairs, congressional affairs, command instructional design, drug free workplace program, internal review, and parking control. His work during this period was complicated by the merger of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center into the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He not only welcomed new personnel into his organization with proper courtesy and care, his public affairs expertise was helpful in developing and executing a communication strategy for the workforce to accompany such a significant change. That integration was completed in phases, with each phase being executed seamlessly, in accordance with established schedules.

As Executive Support Officer, he developed a relationship of trust and open communication among all levels of the Shipyard, from labor organization representatives up to and including the Shipyard Commander. He brings to the table a well-deserved depth of experience. When emergent or new tasks come about, he continually delivers not only within his assigned responsibilities, but he goes out of his way to help other departments where he can. He has clearly demonstrated excellence through an aggressive pursuit of quality and has shown, not only to the Navy but also to the community, that people with inspiration and dedication can make a difference.

Mr. Strickland's aggressive actions in connection with identified security deficiencies at Norfolk Naval Shipyard resulted in improvements in processes which have crossed over and positively impacted the region as a whole. Similarly, his recent involvement regarding proposed reductions in fire and emergency services at NNSY, Naval Medical Command Portsmouth and Naval Station Norfolk resulted in no reduction in service or adverse impact to mission.

Mr. Stickland was awarded the Purple Heart for injury sustained during his service in the Navy, demonstrating his selfless sacrifice and

the full measure of his devotion to the United States.

Madam Speaker, please join me and the employees of Norfolk Naval Shipyard in offering our sincere congratulations to Mr. Strickland on his exemplary service and a retirement well deserved.

EARLY DETECTION MONTH FOR BREAST CANCER

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 158 to express my support for the designation of an early detection month for breast cancer and all other forms of cancer.

Early detection is incredibly important in saving the lives of victims of cancer. While this is true for people suffering from every form of cancer, it is particularly important for those suffering from breast cancer. Breast cancer can be detected through procedures that screen for abnormalities in breast tissue, and it is considered to be the best way for women to lower their risk of dying from the disease. Essentially, these screenings find the cancer early, when it is most treatable, and for this reason, designating an early detection month is incredibly important to help save the lives of the almost 200,000 women in the United States who are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer each year.

It is important to note, as well, that the risk of getting breast cancer is much lower for African-American women than white women; however, African-American women are more likely to die from breast cancer. This is attributed partly to the fact that African-American women are less likely to get regular mammograms, resulting in a diagnosis of breast cancer at a later stage. This is one more reason why designating an early detection month is so important.

In my district, we are doing our part to ensure early detection. Susan G. Komen for the Cure is one of the leading advocates for breast cancer awareness and actively promotes early detection. From their headquarters in Dallas, they have been advancing the cause for breast cancer prevention and awareness across the country. I am proud of the work they have done to save countless lives across the country.

Mr. Speaker, today I encourage my fellow colleagues to join me in supporting this very important resolution that expresses support for the designation of an early detection month for cancer and breast cancer.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM MATSON BOYD

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of William Boyd of McKinney, Texas, who

passed away last year at the age of seventy-one.

Bill was born August 8, 1938 in McKinney, Texas to Roland and Nanette Boyd. He received both an undergraduate and JD from SMU in Dallas. He was elected Collin County District Attorney even before completing his law degree.

Bill realized his passion for law and gave up his political ambitions to work for the successful law firm his father founded. Over his career, Bill handled many prominent cases. He was well-known in north Texas area for his work with the Dallas police and firefighters in a back-pay lawsuit.

Bill was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of McKinney, Texas where he served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He was preceded in death by first wife, Betty Boyd.

He will be missed by wife, Barbara White Boyd and a host of friends. Bill and I stayed in touch. I received much advice that I acted on. Bill was a great lawyer and a super friend.

Madam Speaker, I commend Bill Boyd for his commitment to the legal community, and I ask the U.S. House of Representatives to retire at close of House business today in honor of this fine friend.

EARLY DETECTION MONTH FOR BREAST CANCER

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 158, expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month to enhance public awareness of cancer screening.

As a young woman, I recently experienced firsthand why early detection is vital. As you may know, nearly two years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer.

During my year of treatment, I underwent genetic counseling and testing. I met with many specialists. I had seven surgeries. I am pleased to stand before you today cancer-free.

But the fact is, I may not have been around for any of these life saving procedures if I didn't have the knowledge and awareness to catch my lump early.

As a Member of Congress and lifelong advocate for early detection of cancer, I knew the statistics for breast cancer—that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed in her lifetime.

I knew the importance of knowing what your breasts are supposed to feel like—that's why I chose to do self-exams.

I knew the importance of early detection—clinical exams every 3 years as of age 20; every year after 40 . . . mammograms every year after 40.

And yet for all that I knew to help me increase my chances of early detection of cancer, I soon realized how much I didn't know.

I didn't know that—even with no immediate family history of breast cancer—as an Ashkenazi Jew I was five times more likely to have the mutation . . . and, if I did, that I'd have up to an 85 percent lifetime chance of getting breast cancer . . . and up to a 60 percent chance of getting ovarian cancer.

I didn't know that, because it's often more aggressive and diagnosed later, younger women—compared to older women—are more likely to die.

But I thank God that I knew enough. I didn't find my tumor through luck. I found it through knowledge and awareness, the fundamental tools for early detection.

These are the reasons why I commend my colleague, Congressman ETHERIDGE, for introducing this critical resolution that will enhance public awareness of screening for breast cancer and all other forms of cancer.

At the end of the day, knowledge is power. And with this resolution, we will give men and women all across America the power to detect cancer early, and we will save lives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ZANER FAY CULBERSON ROBISON BENETIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a respected public servant, Zaner Fay Culberson of Royse City, Texas, who passed away this past June at the age of ninety-five.

Zaner was born to Tom and Hattie May Culberson on March 13, 1914 near Gilmer, Texas. In 1939 Zaner married Robert Robison. They soon moved to Caddo Mills, Texas, where they jointly founded the Caddo Mills Enterprise and purchased the Royse City American in 1963. They started the Tawakoni News in 1963. Robert passed away in 1975, and Zaner continued operation of the newspapers. She went on to found four more local papers in the region.

Zaner served as Mayor of Royse City from 1980 to 1982. She was a longtime member of the Chamber of Commerce of Royse City and the Texas Press Association. In 1979 Zaner married to John Benetin, whom she led into the newspaper industry.

Zaner was an active member of the Royse City United Methodist Church where she taught several classes and served as a member of the administration board. She was later President of the United Methodist Women for the region. She is preceded in death by husbands, Robert Robison and John Benetin. She will be missed by a host of nieces and nephews and the entire Royse City community.

Madam Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of Zaner Fay Culberson, who for many years I could count on for wisdom and support. I commend Zaner for her lasting impact on the newspaper industry and devotion to community service.

HONORING TONY KENNETH MEUNIER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tony Kenneth Meunier in celebration of his recent retirement from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) after almost 42 years of

Federal Government service. He is a remarkable, inquisitive man who, with passion and dedication, has worked tirelessly throughout his career to advance our knowledge of the Earth, Space and social sciences. He has been a soldier, educator, explorer, scientist, writer and devoted family man.

Mr. Meunier, originally from Buffalo, New York, began his Federal Career by enlisting in the U.S. Air Force (USAF) in 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was Commander-in-Chief. Staff Sergeant (E-5) Meunier served overseas for almost 3 of his 4 years with the USAF Security Service. After military service, he used the GI Bill (Vietnam War Era) to earn a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Geology, Geography, and Earth-Space Sciences from the State University of New York at Geneseo and SUNY Brockport, New York. After teaching math and science in the Rochester, New York area, Mr. Meunier joined the USGS Topographic Division, Office of Research and Technical Standards, in May 1972.

Always interested in cutting edge science and technology, Mr. Meunier became one of the USGS's first Research Digital Cartographers and an early advocate of using Landsat imagery for field research and mapping applications. Also, as a physical scientist/cartographer, Mr. Meunier made significant contributions to the USGS program in Antarctica, an international program that spans more than 60 years. He has been a member of three deep field expeditions to Antarctica, including a 14 month period, serving as a member of one of the first USGS satellite surveying winter-over teams at South Pole Station during 1974. For this expedition, in 1974, Mr. Meunier was awarded the Antarctic Service Medal of the United States of America. During the 1982-83 field season, as a member of Antarctic Search for Meteorites (ANSMET) group, working in a previously unexplored region on the East Antarctic Plateau, he initiated a successful plan for locating blue-ice areas with meteorite concentrations using Landsat satellite imagery and also developed a new satellite surveying positioning method to locate and map the meteorites discovered in field operations. In 1995-96, Mr. Meunier was a member of the first U.S. Absolute Gravity team obtaining measurements in the McMurdo and Dry Valley areas and as a supporting member of the South Pole Overland Traverses' search for a usable over-snow route to resupply the South Pole Station. Finally, during the just completed International Polar Year (IPY), Mr. Meunier published a series of USGS Open-File Reports on the Scientific Accomplishments of the USGS over the past 60 years.

Throughout his career, Mr. Meunier has demonstrated a continuing dedication to the advancement of polar science. His contributions to research and the mapping of Antarctica have provided the Nation an invaluable asset. In 1977, at the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names, Mount Meunier, a feature on the Walgreen Coast of Marie Byrd Land, Antarctica, was named in his honor by the United States Board on Geographic Names. Also, in recognition of his exemplary scientific and programmatic contributions to the U.S. Geological Survey's scientific activities in the exploration of Antarctica, the Department of the Interior, in 2009, awarded Tony Kenneth Meunier, its second highest honor, the Meritorious Service Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Meunier for his 42 years of public service, for his accomplishments and for all he has done to engender continued interest in the advancement of knowledge among his colleagues and the public at large.

HONORING BUD HUDDLESTON

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Bud Huddleston as a music legend from North Mississippi. Mr. Huddleston has been a working musician in Tippah County and across North Mississippi for over 50 years.

Mr. Huddleston, a lifelong resident of Tippah County, has spent the last half century making music and thrilling local crowds with his beloved wife, Hazel, now sadly deceased. The two met in the mid-1940s when Bud encountered Hazel playing at a dance in a band with her father and brothers. He remembers liking both her looks and her guitar playing. Despite the fact that Hazel's father accompanied them on their first date, they continued to see one another and play together, eventually getting married in 1949.

Both Bud and Hazel Huddleston played music from childhood and learned from family members. The Huddlestons attributes a 1979 encounter with bluegrass musician Clarence Goodrum as having a significant impact upon their career. Although the two played country music, Mr. Huddleston's great love was bluegrass. Having the opportunity to spend time and play with Goodrum convinced Mr. Huddleston to make the change and they have played mountain music ever since.

Despite an excellent reputation as live performers, the couple may be best known for their radio work. Since 1982, the Huddlestons were a fixture on the airwaves on Kudzu 102, a station that covers a large portion of North Mississippi, North West Alabama and South West Tennessee. They performed a bluegrass show on KUDZU 104.9 Saturday mornings and a bluegrass gospel program on Sundays. Mr. Huddleston is the voice of the program and chooses the music. Mrs. Huddleston lost her long battle with cancer on March 29, 2008.

Mr. Huddleston still lives in Ripley, Mississippi where the Huddlestons have sponsored the Tippah Lake bluegrass festival for over 20 years, now with crowds of more than 700. I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking Mr. Bud Huddleston for the joy his years of performances and broadcasts have brought to his audience. We recognize him today for a life of love and musicianship.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP DR. AUDREY F. BRONSON

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor Bishop Dr. Audrey F. Bronson in recognition of her investiture as President of the

Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 24, 2010.

Dr. Bronson is an ordained minister and consecrated bishop. She began preaching at the early age of fourteen and after many years of serving as an evangelist, she established the Sanctuary Church of the Open Door in 1975. Under her leadership, Sanctuary Church grew rapidly. She also founded the Sanctuary Christian Academy in 1978, a private academic school from pre-school to fifth grade; the Sanctuary Bible Institute and the Sanctuary Counseling and Referral Center.

Because of the demands of a growing church, Dr. Bronson retired from Cheyney University in 1984 as Associate Professor of Psychology after seventeen years of teaching. She served as Dean of the Philadelphia Urban Education Institute, a subsidiary of the African American Interdenominational Ministries, Inc. (AAIM, Inc.) of Philadelphia in association with the major seminaries of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Bronson serves as secretary on the board of One Church, One Child, Inc. of Pennsylvania, a statewide organization organized to encourage members of African American Churches to adopt African American children. She also served on the Mayor's Transition Team.

Dr. Bronson is deeply touched by human suffering and her church doors are open seven days a week to minister to people in need of both spiritual and physical help. Dr. Bronson has served as block captain; ministered in prisons; worked to rid the area of drugs surrounding her church and helped to feed homeless people. She has a tremendous desire to bring about changes in the lives of her fellowman and faith in his ability to help himself. Dr. Bronson will continue her good works as President of the Zion Baptist Church.

The Zion Baptist Church began as a missionary prayer meeting in 1882 led by Reverend Horace B. Wayland in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Simms. Over the years, Zion membership grew to an extraordinary 6,000 congregants. In 1955, Zion moved to its current location at Broad & Venango Streets, where it was transformed into an urban Christian center. To this end, the Church initiated the following programs: a day care center, credit union, community center programs, employment agency, retirement home, adult education courses, reading classes and family counseling.

The Zion Baptist Church and its leadership have consistently placed an emphasis on community development and Christian youth leadership. Community, social, and theological initiatives organized by the Church include the Zion Center for Corresponding Biblical Studies, weekly Bible Study, Transportation Ministry, Puppet and Clown Ministry, spiritual retreats, leadership workshops, Zion Outreach Support Ministry and the Human Services Center.

Dr. Bronson's selection as President of the Zion Baptist Church is the well earned result of many years of dedicated service to the church and the Philadelphia community at large. On behalf of the Seventh Congressional District, I wish Dr. Bronson continued success in this new endeavor.

HONORING TEDDY PENDERGRASS
(1950–2010)

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, Teddy Pendergrass lived many remarkable lives—a life of song, rich and sensuous, a life of determination to overcome a difficult childhood in North Philadelphia, and finally a life of perseverance and triumph against the greatest odds imaginable.

When Teddy Pendergrass, at the too-young age of 59, died January 13 in a hospital several miles from where he grew up in North Philadelphia, the tributes flowed from across the nation and the world. But they weren't nostalgic reminiscences for a faded star whose career might have been cut short by a paralyzing automobile accident. The praise and admiration were present-tense, for a man who—by guts and willpower—kept performing, kept filling concert halls, stayed vibrant on the playlists and wherever music is enjoyed.

Even more, Teddy Pendergrass was a man of character and example. He grew in stature with the passage of years. He endured the hard solitary work of rehab so that he could return to the limelight—in a wheelchair, but ever-soulful. The tragedy of March 18, 1982 did not render Teddy bitter or consumed with self-pity. He emphatically made it clear that “there is life after paralysis”.

Offstage, Teddy Pendergrass worked to inspire and encourage others. He established the Teddy Pendergrass Alliance to raise money for other victims of spinal cord injuries. He partnered with the National Spinal Cord Association. He inspired young artists—and youth people with severed spinal cords.

Theodore DeReese Pendergrass, born March 26, 1950, had a strong and special relationship with his mother Ida Burgess Pendergrass—and with the gift of music that she nurtured. Ida would stand young Teddy, at the age of two, on a chair in church and he would sing praises to the Lord. At age ten he was licensed to the Gospel Ministry. Soon he was playing the drums for various local groups including The Cadillacs. It was while drumming for Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes that his vocal gift was discovered.

In 1972, he signed to Gamble & Huff's Philadelphia International Records label. “Teddy Bear” was smoldering hot—in his recordings, on stage, everywhere he went. He recorded 10 platinum (million-selling) albums in a row for Gamble and Huff at Philadelphia International Records. No one who heard them will ever forget hits like “Love TKO”, “Turn Off the Lights”, “Feel The Fire.” And of course, “If You Don't Know Me By Now.” His “women only” concerts are legendary.

A year after his accident Teddy Pendergrass returned to recording, memorably in a 1984 duet with Whitney Houston, titled “Hold Me.” He rolled that wheelchair onstage at JFK Stadium to perform at the unforgettable “Live Aid” charity concert. He produced a 1998 autobiography, undertook a 2002–2003 concert tour, and all the while serving as an inspiration to many young artists. The milestone of his life was “Teddy 25—A Celebration of Life, Hope and Possibilities” at Philadelphia's Academy of Music. It was a fund

raiser for his Alliance, and it marked 25 years since the accident.

Then, at last, came retirement. This past year, Teddy Pendergrass faced a battle with colon cancer that his great heart and courage could not overcome.

Teddy Pendergrass loved life and would light up any room with his million dollar smile. He loved his family and held them close to his heart. This love was evidenced in the way that he encouraged family and friends to share private moments with him. He and his wife Joan enjoyed spending every possible moment together; laughter was a tremendous part of their life. Their love for each other was ordained by God and they became one in marriage. Teddy returned to the Lord Jesus Christ and together they joined the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Teddy leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Joan Pendergrass, his devoted mother, Ida Pendergrass, his children, Teddy II (daughter-in-law, Felicia), Tishia (son-in-law, Cedric) and LaDonna; stepdaughters Sherilla LeStrade and Jessica Avila; grandchildren, Montaurius Drane, Desaray Drane, Teddy Pendergrass III, Alana Nida Sky Pendergrass, Jasmine LeStrade, Gabriel Gomes and Jeremiah Sanford. In addition to his immediate family, Teddy will be dearly missed by his godchildren, family and friends; especially, his cousins, Jerry and Francina Pendergrass, George Mouzon, Pee Wee Mosley and Neverland Dent; his special family; Joyce Canderlero, Edwin Dereese Canderlero, Antonio Canderlero, Keya Perinchief, Kylied Perinchief, Lori Edmonds, Paya Williams, “second Mom” Louise Hollerway, his manager's Danny Markus, Shep Gordon and Allan Strahi and longtime friend, Henry Evans.

It is as Enon Tabernacle, one of Philadelphia's great churches, that a Celebration of Life will be conducted on Saturday, January 23, at 10 a.m. Teddy Pendergrass lived a life worthy of celebration at every level. His music lives on. His spirit lives on. His fierce determination and zest for life endures. This is how we know him, by now.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CURTIS CEPHAS FOR RECEIVING THE MEDAL OF VALOR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Deputy Curtis Cephas of the Escambia County Sheriff's Department upon receiving the Medal of Valor, the department's highest honor. Deputy Cephas risked his life in service to the community, and I am proud to recognize his selfless act of heroism.

On July 3, 2009, while off-duty, Deputy Cephas was informed by a local citizen that a nearby house was on fire. Deputy Cephas ran to the house, noticed smoke pouring from inside, and began searching the home to determine if anyone was inside. After discovering that the home's occupant was inside and unable to escape the fire, Deputy Cephas proceeded to enter the burning house and found the resident inside and immobile. He succeeded in pulling the man outside and safely away from the fire.

For his courage and bravery at extreme risk to his own life, Deputy Cephas is being awarded the Medal of Valor, the highest award of the Escambia County Sheriff's Department.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Deputy Curtis Cephas for going above and beyond the call of duty. He is a hero to the community and a true public servant. My wife Vicki and I wish Deputy Cephas and his family all the best for the future.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JOSEPH A. IANNITTI—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S “SALUTE TO MILITARY” HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare recognizes service members who perform diligent service to our country. Scottsdale Healthcare has recognized Captain Joseph A. Iannitti for the month of January.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to such an exceptional service member for his bravery and service to our country.

Captain Joseph A. Iannitti is the son of Susan Iannitti who has worked for Scottsdale Healthcare for 23 years and is currently the Supervisor of Registration.

Captain Iannitti has served in the Army for nine years and is currently the Executive Officer for the 286th Signal Company, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Fort Bliss, Texas. Next month, he will deploy to Kuwait where he will be serving a one year tour of duty as a Communications Officer for the 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

During his service Joseph has received numerous awards, all of which serve as a tribute to his honorable character. He was awarded two commendation medals, an achievement medal, good conduct medal, national defense service medal, reserve mobilization medal and a global war of terrorism service medal.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this courageous service member for his outstanding contributions and service to our country.

HIGHPOINT'S GUERRA HONORED WITH STATE LAWN CARE AWARD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the Ohio Lawn Care Association recently announced Christopher Guerra, of Highpoint Lawn Service in Stow, as the recipient of its first-ever Ohio Lawn Care Applicator of the Year Award. The new annual award recognized Guerra for his dedication to customer service and 7 years of work experience at Highpoint. He was presented a plaque by OLCA Publicity Committee Chair, Rob Palmer,

Weed Pro, Ltd. at the OLCA annual meeting Dec. 8 during the Ohio Turfgrass Conference & Show.

Guerra was selected from five finalists including: Matt Dixon, Buckeye Ecocare; Fred Hoyt, Custom Lawns; Matt Netzey, Fitzwater Tree & Lawn Care; and Dan Paolini, Weed Man Lake County.

Guerra was nominated by Highpoint President John Prusa, who commended Guerra for his productivity and personal, caring service to a loyal customer base while completing his education and earning a degree from the University of Akron. Several complimentary letters from customers accompanied his nomination.

The Ohio Lawn Care Applicator of the Year Award, sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, is a new award to be presented annually by OLCA. To apply, one had to be a member company of the association and could only be nominated by a company owner, manager or supervisor. Nominees were required to have a state of Ohio applicators license with a minimum of two years experience.

OLCA represents nearly 500 professional lawn care companies throughout Ohio, and is committed to promoting and protecting the lawn care industry in Ohio. For more information about OLCA or the Applicator of the Year Award, call 800-510-5296; email info@OhioLawnCare.org; or visit www.OhioLawnCare.org.

CONGRATULATING NANCY GOODMAN BRINKER

SPEECH OF

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Ambassador Nancy Brinker for her continued leadership and advocacy in breast cancer research and congratulate her on receiving America's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Ambassador Brinker's commitment to defeating breast cancer began 28 years ago after she lost her sister to the disease. Since that time, Ambassador Brinker has dedicated her life to increasing public awareness and developing a grassroots network of individuals affected by breast cancer.

As the founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Ambassador Brinker has campaigned tirelessly to help those affected by breast cancer and has raised over \$1.3 billion for research and education purposes since it was founded.

Now serving as the Goodwill Ambassador for Cancer Control for the United Nations' World Health Organization, Ambassador Brinker's dedication and leadership are felt throughout the world as she promotes awareness and continues the global fight against breast cancer.

Breast cancer is a devastating disease that has touched many lives. As a former volunteer and board member of the American Cancer Society of Dallas, I have seen how cancer impacts a family. As a husband and father, I share a deep commitment to the fight against cancer.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I applaud Ambassador Brinker for her

longstanding dedication, leadership and selfless spirit and congratulate her on receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

INITIATIVE TO WIPE OUT CREDIT CARD FRAUD

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak briefly about an initiative by MagTek, a company from California's 46th District, which I represent. This initiative is aimed at eliminating credit card fraud which funds gangs, crime syndicates and global terrorist organizations, including Al Qaeda. I would include in the record a short excerpt from a speech describing the initiative, and I ask all of my colleagues and the American people to join us in wiping out credit card fraud.

EXCERPT FROM A SPEECH TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (FDIC) PAYMENT SECURITY CONFERENCE

(By MagTek Chief Security Officer Tom Patterson)

Billions of dollars are being stolen every year from thousands of banks, hundreds of thousands of merchants, and millions of consumers—and it's being used to fund gang activity, organized crime, and terrorist plots. And it's got to stop.

Our identities and credit card information are being stolen across America, by waiters and waitresses in our restaurants, by clerks at our stores, and even our ATM machines and gas pumps. In fact, every time we hand over our credit or debit card, Americans are taking a risk that our critical information could be stolen. Last year, over \$4 billion dollars was stolen from us with these methods and others like them, and many of these thefts are being perpetrated by people and machines that have been co-opted by criminal gangs.

Gangs in America, like the "Bloods" and the "Crips", have now moved aggressively into the counterfeit card business, providing the devices (called skimmers), and paying out \$20 for every card number stolen. In fact, counterfeit card fraud is now the third largest revenue source for many of our largest gangs, moving ahead of extortion. They make their money by selling blocks of these freshly stolen identities up-stream, to foreign organized crime.

A 2009 United Nations report has identified Russian organized crime as the world's largest source of counterfeit card fraud, just ahead of the Chinese triad gangs. The largest of these, known as the Russian Business Network, is well known for purchasing these aggregated lists of identities and card numbers, combining them with near-perfect looking fake cards and then selling them on under-world-sponsored auction sites to the highest bidder.

One of the largest bidders for these counterfeit cards this past decade has been Al Qaeda, who repeatedly purchases them for use in funding their terror plots around the world. The horrific bombing in the nightclub in Bali, which killed 202 people, was funded in large part by recently skimmed cards. A captured Al Qaeda handbook describes in great detail how to fund their plots, including the transliteration "obtain credit card numbers and use them to fund the struggle."

The security of our citizens should be paramount, especially in light of its negative ef-

fects on merchants and banks, and its role in funding of US gang violence, transnational organized crime, and global terrorism. It's time for our financial services industry to put a stop to this, by working together to allow merchants to tell the difference between our real cards, and these fakes that are plaguing our way of life.

It's now possible for banks and merchants to easily and economically completely eliminate counterfeit cards from our world, and they can do it today. By adding a simple "card authentication" check to the credit and debit process, which works with the same 3 billion cards we already have in our wallets and the same "swipe" that we've come to trust over 10 trillion times per year, we will allow our retailers to simply decline counterfeit card charges and thus wipe out counterfeit card fraud around the world.

All it takes to make this a reality is for the banks, processors, and merchants to agree to share the "magnetic fingerprint" inherent in the magnetic stripe of every card we use, and rather than arguing over costs we can be sharing the savings that come to all of us by saving billions of dollars of fraud every year. Already, we have the initial commitments to register the first 100 million cards, and make this check available to the first 250,000 merchants. But we need the rest of the players to take this step.

I am here today to urge you to join the coalition to wipe out counterfeit card fraud (www.NoCardFraud.com), and to do your part in protecting the identities of millions of Americans, improving the financial health of millions of retail stores and banks, shutting down a key criminal activity of gangs and organized crime, and disrupting the funding of global terrorists.

A TRIBUTE TO GRAYSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great place in the Commonwealth of Kentucky—Grayson County. On Monday, January 25, 2010, Grayson County will celebrate its 200th birthday.

The county was established in 1810 as the 54th county in Kentucky. It was named after Colonel William Grayson, a Virginian statesman and Revolutionary War aide to General George Washington.

Col. Grayson once owned over 5,000 acres, which included the western end of Grayson County. As the story goes, Washington purchased the land from Henry Lee, the father of Robert E. Lee, by trading his favorite horse.

Grayson County includes many great attractions, offering individuals a great place to visit and live. Grayson County's Twin Lakes and the Rough River State Resort Park offers countless recreational opportunities, including swimming, nature trails, boating, tennis, and go-cart racing as well as campsites and lodging.

I am proud to represent the citizens of Grayson County and they should be celebrated for their contributions to making Kentucky such a wonderful place. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Grayson County and congratulating them on 200 amazing years.

HONORING MS. KRISTEN JARBOE
FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary resident of Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District, Ms. Kristen Jarboe. Ms. Jarboe, a teacher at Elkhorn Elementary School in Frankfort, has been named as a winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching. This prize, awarded on behalf of the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy, is a very high honor, and I am proud today to recognize the accomplishments of this exceptional educator in the U.S. Congress.

Her teaching methods emphasize individual attention and small classes so that struggling students are brought up to speed and not left behind. She is recognized as a leader not only among her students, but among the school as a whole, organizing after-school programs such as Family Math Night and creating a school-wide math test for primary through second grades. Her work does not end once students leave her classroom at the end of the year, as she strives to instill a desire to learn in each of her students, and motivates them to become lifelong learners.

Madam Speaker, I believe teaching is one of the most important jobs in our nation and is often underappreciated. Ms. Jarboe's devotion to her work and her students is certainly deserving of this great award and recognition, and with people like her teaching our young people, I am excited for our future generation of leaders.

HONORING THE UNBORN

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, I need not tell you that tomorrow millions of Americans will reflect upon the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*. Some Americans will celebrate. Many others will mourn. I will mourn that decision.

I know this question represents one of the great political fault lines in America today and that many of my countrymen and women feel quite differently than I do. But I believe in my heart and in my head that there is no more fundamental right that we have than the right to life. It is enshrined in our founding documents. Our Creator brought us into this world with certain unalienable rights, including the right to life.

I can come to no other conclusion in my heart and in my head that life begins at conception. I cannot understand my countrymen who come to different conclusions. I do not hate these people, nor do I disparage them, but I have great sadness about what has occurred because of their beliefs: that millions of our countrymen are not here today to take that first breath, to take that first walk, to go into that first dance recital, to hit that first baseball, to put together that first "Two plus two equals

four. I did it, daddy." Millions and millions of our fellow countrymen will never experience that moment because of what I believe to be a very wrongheaded and a very unconstitutional decision made many, many years ago.

And so, a battle continues in this great body as a battle continues all across our land. It's not just a battle to change laws. It is a battle to change the hearts and minds of our countrymen. It is something that I take as an article of faith. But, if there is any parent in this body who has seen that sonogram when your baby is just weeks old, to see that beating heart, to see those little fingers, to see those little toes, and know that you have this great privilege that God Almighty has entrusted you with this gift to nurture this life, how you see that and turn your back on it is beyond me, it is absolutely beyond me.

I wish I knew what I could say to reach out to my fellow citizens and try to convince them to treasure human life and to understand how precious it is. And often when we hear in the debate in this institution that we ought to do something for the least of these, truly unborn life is the least of these. Let us recognize it. Let us hold it precious. Let us live up to our constitutional responsibilities and let us live up to our responsibilities from the Creator and grant our fellow citizens that precious right to life.

There is much work to be done. I see a day, which may not be in my life, but maybe in the life of my children and maybe in the life of my grandchildren, should I be blessed with any, that one day all Americans will somehow lock arms and lock hearts and decide that they will protect and defend that unalienable right to life.

TESTIMONY ON THE 37TH ANNUAL
MARCH FOR LIFE

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the 37th Annual March for Life. On Friday, thousands of people from around the country will gather in Washington, DC to rally against the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

I have always been a pro-life advocate and throughout my years in Congress have earned a 100% pro-life voting record. I believe every human being has the right to life and that every life should be preserved and protected.

This year it is even more important to bring attention to the unethical principles of abortion as Democrats in Congress continue to discuss the possibility of taxpayer funded abortions in their attempt to create a government takeover of our healthcare system.

I applaud those who made the trip to Washington to participate in the March for Life and I assure you that I will continue to fight for the rights of the unborn.

HONORING BILL JELLISON

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Bill Jellison—a lifelong Kansan, a revered educator, and my friend. Bill passed away in April of last year at the age of 82, but he will always be remembered for his nearly three decades of service to Fort Hays State University and for his optimism despite adversity.

A native of Lincoln, Kansas, Bill attended Fort Hays State University and received degrees in 1951 and 1952. Following graduation, he taught high school in southwest Kansas along with his wife, Margaret. In 1960, Bill returned to Fort Hays for what was to become a 28-year career. Bill would serve as dean of men, dean of students, and vice president of student affairs. He retired in 1988.

Bill had two passions in life: helping others and the outdoors. During his tenure at Fort Hays, Bill enjoyed assisting students, particularly those from small towns and rural areas. He dedicated his career to ensuring that students achieved success, assisting in any way possible.

In his spare time, Bill loved to hunt and fish with his buddies and inspired others to share in this interest. One of the boys he inspired to hunt was Randy Wood, who is now a columnist for the hunting magazine *Horizontal Bowhunter*. Randy's father was Bill's friend and hunting buddy, as was Randy once he became old enough to hunt. After Bill's passing, Randy wrote a heartfelt tribute, describing Bill as a "big man who loved to talk and always had a smile on his face. The sound of his laughter would fill the room."

In 1994, Bill tragically suffered a severe stroke that left him disabled. Though wheelchair bound and no longer able to walk the fields for pheasants, Bill remained optimistic. He kept a bright outlook on life and continued to care about others. After a 15-year struggle, Bill passed away last spring. For those of us blessed to have known him, let us be thankful that God places men like Bill Jellison in our lives. May we always remember and honor him.

HONORING CHESTER GRAVES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I wish today to honor a businessman and beloved community leader in one of my District's most close-knit communities.

Chester Graves recently retired from the pharmaceutical business following a remarkable 60-year career. Chester told his local newspaper, *The Daily Times* in Maryville, Tennessee, that he did not have one bad memory of his years as a pharmacist, and his favorite part of the job was simply helping people.

Like many of his generation, Chester served admirably in World War II. He then returned home to build a business based on the concept of people and personal service.

Chester did not fully retire until recently, instead choosing to continue to work several days a week at the Lowe's Drug Store in Maryville up until his 90th birthday.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Chester Graves on his well-deserved retirement and bring to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD a tribute to Chester that appeared in The Daily Times on December 14, 2009, which is reprinted below.

MARYVILLE PHARMACIST RETIRES AFTER 60-YEAR CAREER

(By J.J. Kindred)

After more than 60 years in the pharmaceutical business, you would think Chester Graves would have at least one negative thing that happened in his career.

Not a chance.

Graves retired last month after a career that spanned more than half of a century. Reportedly he is the longest-serving pharmacist in the State of Tennessee.

He has his wife's uncle to thank for jump-starting his career.

"He had a drug store, and he said if I would go into pharmacy, he would let me come into business with him," said Graves, who will turn 90 next month. "They opened up a new Baptist Hospital in Knoxville and he became a chief pharmacist and he sold his drug store."

A McMinn County native, Graves spent more than four years in the military, serving during World War II. He went to pharmacy school at the University of Tennessee at Memphis and worked for the former Cole Drug Store (which became Revco, then bought out by CVS).

He spent several years in Greeneville, working for Ciba, (Chemical Industries Basel) for 37 years in sales before it merged with Novartis in 1997.

He won the Tennessee Pharmacy Association's Lubin Sales Representative Award in 1984.

For 13 years, Graves worked for Lowe's Drug Store in Maryville in its nursing home division two or more days a week until his retirement.

He originally wanted to attend college to major in chemical engineering until the pharmaceutical opportunity came along.

"I didn't need to be changing (career choices) around all the time," Graves said.

He said with his work at Ciba, which is based in Switzerland, he traveled frequently with the company all over the country.

So what does Graves attribute his long career to?

"I never did drink or smoke," he said with a laugh. "The good Lord has been good to me, and (Lowe's) was exceptionally good to me. I only worked two days a week, but if somebody went on vacation and they needed me, they would call me."

Graves said the best thing about being a pharmacist was that "you help people. A lot of people come in and talk to a pharmacist before they go see a doctor. It's a good profession. What I did over (at Lowe's), they service a lot of nursing homes. We had technicians fill, orders and make stare (customers) have the right orders."

The pharmaceutical business has changed frequently over the years, Graves said.

"Pharmacists don't talk much with the patients like they used to," he said. "I didn't talk to customers much—I worked back in the back. The only people back there were the technicians and me. If there was somebody I knew I would go and talk to them."

"I would still be working if I could—I need the money," Graves added with a laugh.

He said he would miss the contact with people he worked with at Lowe's. "They are very nice people," he said.

Graves added that he would want his legacy to state that he helped a lot of people.

"I would hope that I helped a lot of them," he said. "I worked as manufacturer and worked heavily with doctors and druggists. I had a good repertoire. There would be a new drug that would come out and I would tell them what I had been told about the drug."

Steve Myers, co-owner of Lowe's, described Graves as a "professional person. He never became angry and he never met a stranger. He was just very goodhearted, he worked hard, and just a person everybody liked. The biggest thing I will miss about him is his friendship."

Now that Graves is retired, what will he do now?

"Rake leaves," he said with a laugh.

HONORING THE MORRISTOWN CLUB OF MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Morristown Club of Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 125th Anniversary Year.

The Morristown Club was organized in December 1884, in response to an invitation sent to a list of residents who lived in the area and were deserving of a social meeting place.

From 1889 to 1929, The Morristown Club was located at 126 South Street. Members of the Club were prominent in the community and many members served in World Wars I and II. In 1928, the Club members purchased a new building at 27 Elm Street where the club still resides today.

In September 1983, the Club admitted women to membership and elected as its first women members, Congresswoman Millicent Fenwick and State Assemblywoman Josephine Margetts.

The club continues to provide luncheons and regular dinners with speakers and various programs. The Club has also made considerable investments in interior and exterior restorations in keeping with the historic character of the building and neighborhood.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of The Morristown Club as they celebrate 125 years in our community.

EARLY DETECTION MONTH FOR BREAST CANCER

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support designating an Early Detection Month for Breast Cancer and All Forms of Cancer (H. Con. Res. 158). As a cancer survivor myself, I stand here as proof that early detection can save lives.

While the search for a cancer cure continues, much progress has been made in the areas of prevention, detection and treatment

of cancers. However, there are still over 2 million new cases of cancer diagnosed each year.

The statistics are alarming: Breast cancer remains one of the most prevalent cancers affecting women, and prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men. Only non-melanoma skin cancer remains more common for men and women overall. Right now, it is estimated that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and one in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Sadly, thousands of West Virginia women faced breast cancer diagnosis in 2009 alone. Yet each year, more women survive their battle with breast cancer due to medical advances in early detection and treatment. Medical researchers, including those at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in Huntington, West Virginia, are working hard to improve those figures—but early detection remains an important key to saving lives, which is why I strongly support this effort to designate an Early Detection Month to bring attention and focus to this critical issue.

The steady decline in deaths resulting from breast cancer can be attributed to an increase in the number of women who receive mammograms and the development of powerful new drugs that successfully treat cancer.

As many of you are aware, in 2006 I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and subsequently underwent surgery. I am very thankful for all of the West Virginians who contacted me, offering their prayers and support as I prepared for my procedures, through my recovery, and up to this day. I am also truly grateful to the doctors who were able to diagnose my cancer early and—with immediate treatment, they improved my chances for survival.

Cancer screening is often quick and easy and many testing measures can be performed in a local doctor's office. So many lives can be saved and so many families spared a tragic heartache of dealing with cancer diagnosis. That is why I support H. Con. Res. 158 and the efforts to encourage early detection since the bottom line with cancer is raising awareness and early detection saves lives.

HEALTHCARE DEBATE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I hope that everyone who is concerned about the current healthcare debate will read the following two insertions that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the Record.

First, this letter from Dr. Douglas MacKenzie, a surgeon from Santa Barbara, California.

Second, this article from Investor's Business Daily by Tevi Troy, a Fellow at Hudson Institute, and former Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Jeffery Anderson, a Senior Fellow in healthcare studies at Pacific Research Institute.

HOW TO SOLVE HEALTHCARE ACCOUNTABILITY

"Decades of data confirm the simple truth: If we want to lower health costs, we need to put consumers back in charge.

"Many people now feel like second-class citizens when they enter the doctor's office. That's because everyone in the office knows that the patient isn't really the payer—the patient doesn't hold the purse strings.

"The greater the percentage of medical costs that patients pay to their insurance company in premiums, the more insurers are in charge.

"The greater the percentage that patients instead pay directly to their doctor out-of-pocket, the patients are in charge.

"Whether it's television, computers or Lasik eye surgery, when consumers are in charge, prices stay in check. In 1970, consumers paid for 62% for all privately purchased healthcare out-of-pocket. Today, that percentage is just 26%.

"Consumers are paying less directly to doctors, but they're paying four times as much overall—to insurers or the IRS.

"Only two basic ways exist to cut costs: putting consumers in charge and letting them pursue value; putting the government in charge and letting it ration care.

"So, how do we put consumers back in charge? First, we need to reject the current bills in Congress, which would restrict consumer choice substantially. Then we need to empower consumers in three key ways:

1. End the unfair tax on the uninsured. We should give tax credits to individuals and families that are uninsured or self-insured, thereby putting them on the same ground as those with employer-sponsored insurance.

2. Make it easier for consumers to see prices.

3. Encourage consumer-driven insurance models to give consumers skin in the game.

Intel offers a plan in which it pays all insurance premiums, while its employees pay all health costs up to an annual deductible of about \$2,500 for families—with certain preventive care provided for free.

"Intel employees deposit part of their income into a health savings account tax-free, just like any income that's used to pay for insurance premiums is tax-free.

"These consumers have a stronger incentive to shop for value—as everything they spend up to \$2,500 comes from their own pockets, and everything they save is theirs to keep. Whole Foods offers a comparable plan.

"Across nearly 40 years, the costs of government-run medical care have risen far more, per patient, than the costs of privately purchased care. As consumers' opportunities and incentives to pursue value have diminished, costs have skyrocketed."

Source: Tevi Troy (2007-09 Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services and now a Fellow at Hudson Institute) and Jeffrey Anderson (Senior Fellow in healthcare studies at Pacific Research Institute), Investor's Business Daily.

GOVERNMENT IS THE CAUSE OF HEALTHCARE PROBLEMS—NOT THE SOLUTION

"I would submit that we do not have a healthcare problem in this country, but we do most definitely have a government problem in this country."

"Our healthcare system is a mess, but few understand why, and most tacitly accept the notion that government can or must provide the solutions. But it needs to be recognized that government encroachment into healthcare over the decades was the key ingredient in creating the bureaucratic, inefficient morass that is our current system.

"The logical answer, once this is appreciated, is not to allow the government to fix what it broke in the first place! The answer is to strive to do everything possible toward the goal of getting government out of healthcare completely. This means less regulation, not more. This means less govern-

ment/corporate cooperation (collusion), not more. Lobbying for regulations favorable to one group over another is a toxic concept, based on the immorality of the method itself. Yes, I know that this is the 'way government works' nowadays, and I hear the arguments that we need to have a 'seat at the table,' but that doesn't make it any less wrong."

"HEALTHCARE IS NOT A RIGHT"

"We have gotten to the point where we are ready to hand over the last bit of control of our healthcare system to government bureaucrats. . . . Is it really so shocking to ask the question: 'Why is the government involved in my healthcare at all?' Maybe it's shocking to some state 'Healthcare is not a right.' But it's only shocking to someone with no understanding of natural law, rights versus privileges, or why a socialistic system, healthcare or otherwise, is profoundly immoral. The wealthy will always find a way to skirt such a system while the shrinking middle class pays for it, and the poor, the ones the system claims to benefit, suffer the most. . . .

ADVICE TO ORGANIZED DOCTORS

Recommend to your members that if they are one of the 17% of American physicians that remain members of the AMA, get out. Let's make it even clearer that the AMA doesn't represent American physicians and exists solely to feed off its lucrative CPT franchise (merely one example of corporate/government collusion which poisons the system and raises costs).

Learn what's really going on with healthcare in America. A good place to start is the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons and its special project website, www.takebackmedicine.com.

Opt out of Medicare immediately. Continue to care for seniors, as most physician who have opted out do, through private contracts with reasonable fees. Refuse to be part of a corrupt and inefficient bureaucracy that threatens its physicians with draconian punishments and fines while paying them a pittance for the privilege. Imagine the signal that would send if a large organization of physicians like yours had the backbone to recommend this. It would force Reid and Pelosi to tender the idea of forced physician labor. That would likely wake up physicians, indeed the whole of the American people, to just how much power the government craves.

It is only a true free market in healthcare which will lower costs for all patients, increase availability of care, and spur innovation. Most, unfortunately, have no idea what a true free market looks like. It's not what we have now, and certainly not what is on the horizon.

Sincerely,
DOUGLAS J. MACKENZIE, M.D., F.A.C.S.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1008 to honor the contributions of Catholic schools.

The tradition of Catholic schools in America dates back to settlement of the new world, and through the centuries, Catholic institutions have been incredibly effective at educating

young people in the United States. Today, enrollment in Catholic institutions numbers at above 2 million students across the country with a student to teacher ratio of approximately 14 to 1. Additionally, Catholic schools graduate roughly 99 percent of their students with 97 percent of those graduates pursuing degrees at institutions of higher education.

Mr. Speaker, as we become a more interconnected and global society, the education of our young people will become increasingly important. Catholic institutions help to ensure that those same young people receive quality educations, and I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in supporting H. Res. 1008 to honor the contributions of Catholic schools.

HONORING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE OF MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martin Luther King Observance Committee of Morristown, New Jersey in my congressional district, which this year is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Since 1970, the Committee, has been dedicated to promoting the rich legacy of the life and works of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the involvement of the Morris County community in its annual commemorative services.

The observance for 2010 marks the 25th year that Dr. King's birthday will be commemorated as a national holiday. As an expression of local unity and in recognition of this important event, the Martin Luther King Observance Committee is inviting the Morris Clergy Council to join with the committee in sponsoring services on Monday, January 18, 2010.

This year's theme "King's Dream: America, Fight Hate with Love," is the true embodiment of Dr. King's philosophy and teachings. From those individuals who spearheaded the initial celebration, the late Rachel Viola Jones and Dr. Felicia B. Jamison, the planning efforts have broadened to include members of the Morris Area Clergy Council, with representatives from all major faiths. In addition to the two founders, other volunteers who assisted in the early years included Emma L. Martin, George Dorsey, William "Jack" Harris, Reginald and Emanuella Smith, Flora Webb, Norman Jean Matthews, Woody Huff, Elizabeth Lubar, Cecelia Dowdy, Rabbi Z. David Levy, and the Rev. Charles Marks.

The core planning committee is continuing to carry on the tradition of excellence for this great program and has grown to include many dedicated volunteers. Some of those individuals include Nadine Alston, Dr. Judy L. Banks, Pastor Alfonso Sherald, Reverend Leon Sims, Minister Dr. David Hollowell, Reverend Robert C. Rogers, Deacon Henry Lee, George Loveless, Leonard Posey, James Mack, Janet Bonar, Patricia Johnson, Esq., Mae Williams, Elie Sims, Rabbi Donald Rossoff, James Vance, Minister Marian Sykes Johnson, and the Reverend Dr. Jerry M. Carter, Jr.

Madam Speaker, I am quite certain that the Martin Luther King Observance Committee will

continue in the years ahead to promote the cause of equality and opportunities for our young people to pursue productive, fulfilling lives. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Martin Luther King Observance Committee of Morristown, especially the chairwoman, Dr. Felicia Jamison, as they celebrate 40 dedicated years of serving our community.

ESPIONAGE TRIAL AGAINST
SEVEN LEADERS OF THE IRA-
NIAN BAHAI COMMUNITY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, Monday's Washington Post featured a story about seven leaders of the Baha'i community who are facing "trial behind closed doors in Tehran."

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom rightly called the trial a "sham." The U.S. State Department issued a statement strongly condemning the Iranian government's decision to commence the espionage trial against seven leaders of the Iranian Baha'i community: Mrs. Fariba Kamalabadi, Mr. Jamaloddin Khanjani, Mr. Afif Naeimi, Mr. Saeid Rezaie, Mr. Behrouz Tavakkoli, Mr. Vahid Tizfahm and Mrs. Mahvash Sabet.

After 20 months in prison these individuals finally had their first court appearance on January 12. According to the Baha'i International Community Iranian authorities have notified the lawyers of seven imprisoned Baha'i leaders that the next session of their trial will be held on February 7.

They spent their first year in prison without formal charges or access to lawyers, in violation of Iranian law. And now, the stakes are getting even higher for members of this minority faith.

A recent state-sponsored media campaign levied false accusations against the Baha'is claiming this religious group incited the latest protests in the Iran. This is a regime that is scared of its own people and desperately looking to redirect public discontent.

Sadly, we should not be surprised by these actions. The government of Iran's gross violations of religious freedom are well-documented and long-standing including the execution of over 200 Baha'i leaders since 1979, the desecration of Baha'i cemeteries and places of worship and the violent arrest and harassment of members of the Baha'i faith.

The U.S. must continue to work with our partners to speak with one voice about inexcusable human rights violations that are occurring in Iran. We must continue to speak out for due process and a fair trial for these seven Baha'i leaders.

The world cannot turn a blind eye to this regime's persecution of its own people.

CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SONG TRIBUTE TO DR. MAR-
TIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1010, Celebrating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the 30th anniversary of the Stevie Wonder song tribute to Dr. King, "Happy Birthday," introduced by my distinguished colleague from Michigan, Representative CONYERS. The first Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal holiday was officially observed on January 20, 1986, and was celebrated with a concert headlined by Stevie Wonder, who has, in the years since, continued his commitment to promoting peace and equality, for which he has been recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

Stevie Wonder encouraged the establishment of a Federal holiday in recognition of Dr. King on his album sleeve for "Hotter Than July" by expressing that, "I and a growing number of people believe that it is time for our country to adopt legislation that will make January 15, Martin Luther King's birthday, a national holiday, both in recognition of what he achieved and as a reminder of the distance which still has to be traveled." The tribute song "Happy Birthday," became a rallying cry that led to 6,000,000 signatures supporting a Federal holiday in honor of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legislation designating the third Monday of January as a Federal holiday in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. occurred on November 3, 1983, was signed into law. This campaign secured a Federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lasted for fifteen years with the 1980 Stevie Wonder song solidified the campaign's success.

The life and work of Dr. King, to advance justice, equality, and peace for an entire human race ended prematurely when he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, while he was challenging the wages and treatment of Memphis sanitation workers. Four days after the assassination of Dr. King, on April 8, 1968, Representative JOHN CONYERS, JR. introduced legislation to recognize civil rights leader Dr. King with a Federal holiday coinciding with his birthday on January 15, 1929.

Stevie Wonder dedicated his album sleeve for "Hotter Than July," an album released on September 29, 1980, and upon which "Happy Birthday" is recorded, to Dr. King, with an inscription that read, "Martin Luther King, Jr. showed us, non-violently, a better way of life, a way of mutual respect, helping us to avoid much bitter confrontation and inevitable bloodshed." On January 17, 2000, for the first time, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was officially observed in all fifty states.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a dreamer. His dreams were a tool through which he was able to lift his mind beyond the reality of his segregated society, and into a realm where it was possible that white and black, red and brown, and all others live and work alongside each other and prosper.

But Martin Luther King, Jr. was not just an idle daydreamer. He shared his visions through speeches that motivated others to join in his nonviolent effort to lift themselves from poverty and isolation by creating a new America where equal justice and institutions were facts of life.

It appears that too many of our nation's young people have forgotten how to dream. They have forgotten what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught us, when he started his journey towards equality—with peace in his heart and the dream of equality in his eyes.

Today, children and young people often ask: "What is a dream?" or "How can it change my life?" We must once again introduce our young people to the life of Dr. King and his enduring dream. His vision is still so pertinent today, our lives continue to be shaped by his efforts.

A young Martin managed to find a dream, one that he pieced together from his readings—in the Bible, and literature, and just about any other book he could get his hands on. And not only did those books help him educate himself, but they also allowed him to work through the destructive and traumatic experiences of blatant discrimination, and the discriminatory abuse inflicted on himself, his family, and his people.

The life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was properly captured in Dr. King's most famed speech, "I Have A Dream," on August 28, 1963, when he said, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'" The legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is continued today, as evidenced by the work of organizations like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is currently led by Dr. King's daughter, Bernice King, and was at one time led by Dr. King's son, Martin Luther King, III. In addition to organizations, the legacy of Dr. King continues on today with people in the United States and throughout the world, with individual acts of compassion, courage, and peace.

This legislation will benefit the well-being of the public as it celebrates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the 30th anniversary of the Stevie Wonder tribute song to Dr. King. It recognizes the legacy left by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with commitments to freedom, equality, and justice, as exhibited by Stevie Wonder and so many others; and finally, encourages the people of the United States to commemorate the legacy of Dr. King by renewing pledges to advance those principles and actions that are consistent with Dr. King's belief that "all men are created equal." As such, I strongly support this legislation and urge my colleagues to join me and do the same.

INAUGURAL SPEECH OF GOV-
ERNOR ROBERT F. McDONNELL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share with our colleagues the speech new Virginia Governor Robert F. McDonnell gave at

his inauguration in Richmond on January 16. I was moved by his speech, "A Commonwealth of Opportunity," and believe the message is relevant to all Americans.

I submit for the RECORD the governor's speech:

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR ROBERT F. MCDONNELL

"A COMMONWEALTH OF OPPORTUNITY"

Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Lt. Governor Bolling, Attorney General Cuccinelli, members of the General Assembly, distinguished guests from around the world and across the country, family and friends, my fellow Virginians, good afternoon!

We gather today on the steps of our magnificent and newly renovated State Capitol.

From this hill the land rolls gently down to the James River, the waterway of the settlers in 1607.

From this place, the sweep of history has moved us forward to today.

This is the cradle of democracy for Virginia and America.

Governor Thomas Jefferson designed this Capitol building.

Governor Patrick Henry came here for the laying of its cornerstone.

I am humbled today to follow in their historic footsteps.

The General Assembly first convened in this new building during the first term of America's first President, Virginia's George Washington.

Behind me, in the Rotunda, are the busts of the eight Virginians who became President.

It was here that Robert E. Lee, the son of a Virginia Governor, was commissioned as Commander of the Commonwealth's military forces as a young nation split into war.

It was here, just four years later, that President Abraham Lincoln came to begin the process of reuniting our war-torn nation, walking the streets of still smoldering Richmond.

And it was here, 125 years after Lincoln's visit that a grandson of slaves, L. Douglas Wilder, took the Oath of Office as the nation's first African-American Governor.

And it is here, today, that an average middle class kid from Fairfax County, a grandson of Irish immigrants, is given the enormous honor of becoming the 71st Governor of Virginia.

As it turns out, I succeed another descendant of Irish immigrants, Governor Timothy Kaine.

On behalf of the grateful people of Virginia, I thank Governor Kaine for his leadership and service to our Commonwealth.

Today's Virginia is a thriving and diverse home of nearly 8 million people, with one in ten born outside the United States.

A state of rich history and strong people, we do face many challenges together.

We do not face the challenges of forming a new government or securing a young nation, as did Washington, Jefferson and Henry.

We do not encounter the devastation and destruction of Civil War, as did Lincoln and Lee.

We do not struggle with the injustice of slavery and its legacy of segregation as did Governor Wilder as a young man.

We do not march into bullets and artillery shells, as did the Greatest Generation on the beaches of Normandy and the islands of the Pacific. Two members of that generation, who served in World War II, my father Jack McDonnell and my father-in-law Frank Gardner, join us here today.

On behalf of a grateful Commonwealth I thank them, and all military members and veterans, for their incredible sacrifice and service to our nation that continues today.

The actions of those patriots that came before us had a common purpose—to create and expand freedom and opportunity for the generations that came behind them.

The creation of, and desire for, new opportunity has shaped Virginia from its foundation.

It was in seeking the Opportunity of a New World that Captain John Smith and 104 settlers braved the perilous Atlantic to step onto the sands of Cape Henry in April 1607.

It was in securing the Opportunity of a New Nation that Virginia patriots joined together with their fellow colonists in the first fight for freedom and independence, and thus was born a country of ordered liberty that, 234 years later, is the beacon of hope for the world.

It was in seizing the Opportunity of equality and education that a courageous 16 year-old girl named Barbara Johns, memorialized behind this majestic Capitol at the Virginia Civil Rights Memorial, stood up and walked out of Moton High School in Farmville 59 years ago this spring.

New opportunity helped them meet the challenges of their time.

Greater opportunity will help us meet the challenges of ours.

Together we must create jobs and economic opportunities.

Provide new educational opportunities for all Virginians.

And enhance family and community opportunities by easing government burdens on free people.

As Virginians, we believe that government must help foster a society in which all our people can use their God-given talents in liberty to pursue the American Dream.

Where opportunity is absent, we must create it. Where opportunity is limited, we must expand it. Where opportunity is unequal, we must make it open to everyone.

Our Administration will be dedicated to building "A Commonwealth of Opportunity" for all Virginians.

It starts with restoring economic opportunity to Virginians in every corner of our Commonwealth.

Tens of thousands of our family members, friends and neighbors have lost their jobs.

Thousands more worry they could be next.

As we confront the worst economy in generations, the creation of new job opportunities for all our citizens is the obligation of our time, so all Virginians who seek a good job can find meaningful work and the dignity that comes with it.

Virginia has received high rankings over the years for being a business-friendly state.

Those rankings speak well of our past. They do not determine our future.

Competition for jobs is intense among the states, and between nations. States are aggressively positioning themselves to best appeal to job creators and entrepreneurs.

We must make this the best state in which to start and grow a small business.

It is why we will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation that impede job-creation.

And, it is why, even in these tough times, we will have the foresight to invest today in ideas and policies that increase economic prosperity tomorrow.

This economic crisis has touched every Virginian.

Declining home values and diminished retirement accounts have wiped away in just a few months the accumulated savings of many years.

As jobs are lost and consumer confidence remains low, state revenues have declined, and an historic budget shortfall has stretched into the billions. Thus, like so many households and businesses across the Commonwealth, state government needs to devise new ways to operate and find savings.

This austerity won't be easy, but it is necessary. The circumstances of our time demand that we reconsider and restore the proper role of government. Without reform the continued growth of government threatens our very prosperity.

We must properly fund the core priorities of government, but—equally important—we must utilize innovation, privatization, and consolidations to deliver government services more effectively.

And as we enact these reforms we must remember this: that government cannot guarantee individual outcomes, but equality of opportunity must be guaranteed for all.

All Virginians must have the same fundamental opportunities to work hard, live free and succeed.

Access to a quality education is the foundation of future opportunity. My Dad stressed to me as a child that to get a good job, you need a good education. It was true then and even more true today.

Virginians are blessed with many great schools with dedicated, professional teachers like my sister Nancy in Amherst, who work tirelessly to mold the minds and character of the next generation.

To compete in this global economy every young Virginian must have the opportunity of a world-class education from pre-school to college.

A child's future prospects should be as unlimited as his intelligence, integrity and work ethic can take him. No child in Virginia should have her future determined by her place of birth or zip code.

We will work with President Obama to expand high-quality charter schools and institute performance pay to our great teachers.

More money must go to the classroom and less into administration, and new opportunities in science, technology, engineering, math and healthcare must be created through our schools and colleges.

And let us recognize that a high school degree is no longer the finish line in a global economy. We must create affordable new pathways to earning a college degree and make a commitment to confer 100,000 additional degrees over the next 15 years. We must make our community colleges national leaders in workforce development and career training.

These are investments that will pay individual and societal dividends for many years to come.

Barbara Johns was willing to risk everything for the simple opportunity of a good education. Surely, sixty years later, we can work together to provide that opportunity to all Virginia children.

Our Administration will demand excellence, reward performance, provide choices and celebrate achievement.

God has bestowed upon our Commonwealth an amazing wealth of natural resources. Virginians have the intellectual capital to use these resources to create new jobs, reduce our energy bills, and make our nation more energy independent.

We will make Virginia the "Energy Capital of the East Coast" by growing the natural gas and coal industries, expanding the use of nuclear power, and promoting new energy technologies like wind, solar and biomass.

And we will champion environmentally safe offshore energy exploration and production, bringing with it thousands of new jobs, hundreds of millions in new state revenue and billions in new investment.

We must also seize the opportunity to improve our transportation system by getting long overdue projects underway, and utilizing innovative ideas to build the roads, bridges, rail and ports we need.

A better transportation system will create new opportunities for Virginians across the state.

These are policies focused on addressing the real problems our people face, and delivering results.

I've had people tell me they fear that America may no longer be the land of opportunity it has always been, and that Virginia's history in playing a leading role in the life of our nation may be just that—history. I say: They are wrong.

Working together—Republicans, Democrats and Independents alike—Virginia will continue to blaze the trail of opportunity and prosperity.

And like the mechanic looking to the owner's manual to troubleshoot the automobile, we should look to the Founders and their writings for wisdom.

The Founders' capstone on the Constitution is the Bill of Rights. No federal mandate nor program crafted by either political party should undermine the central principle of federalism, enshrined in the birth certificate of America by those who pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor.

The Founders recognized that the government closest to the people governs best. More often than not, Richmond knows better about the hopes and dreams of the people than Washington. And Galax and Fairfax and Virginia Beach know far better than Richmond.

As we enthusiastically pursue the vision of "A Commonwealth of Opportunity", I ask all Virginians to continue to seek your own opportunities to get involved in the life of our Commonwealth.

Half a century ago President Kennedy challenged the American people to "ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." Today, I ask all Virginians to rise up to meet this timeless challenge.

We live in the most generous nation on Earth. So many Virginians give sacrificially of their time, talents and treasure, and rightly so. The Scriptures say, "To whom much is given, much will be required."

Right now, much is required in the nation of Haiti. And I urge all Virginians to donate to the relief efforts underway.

Here in our Commonwealth, I urge business owners to look for opportunities to sponsor a little league team, help a charity, and promote corporate responsibility in the communities in which you live and work.

I urge all the leaders of our faith communities to expand your selfless work of helping the homeless, feeding the poor, and comforting the broken hearted.

I urge the young people of Virginia to use your talents and energy to fully engage in the future of this Commonwealth.

I urge Virginians who came here from other lands to contribute your culture, your history and your traditions to our rich tapestry of life.

I urge every Virginian to take every opportunity to thank a man or woman in a law enforcement or military uniform for the preservation of our freedoms.

There is so much each one of us can do to leave this Commonwealth a better place than we found it.

No government program can substitute for the incredible good done through voluntary actions performed freely by caring individuals every day.

And while government can help provide opportunities, it is every person's responsibility to take advantage of them.

In recent weeks I've seen people exercising that responsibility, and changing lives at: the Healing Place in Richmond, the Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria, Food Banks in Abingdon, Norfolk and Richmond, the Boys and Girls Club in Virginia Beach, the USO in Norfolk.

As a Commonwealth, we must do the same . . . and we will.

Standing here today, on the steps of our State Capitol, in the inspiring shadows of the shared history behind us, we embrace the limitless future opportunities stretching out far before us. . . .

And now it is here, in this place, that we pledge to work together to create "A Commonwealth of Opportunity" . . . for all Virginians, and to add our steps to Virginia's journey.

It was George Washington who noted, in his first Inaugural Address, "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected to remain on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

It is right to help one another.

It is right to work together to get results and solve problems.

It is right to provide opportunities for all.

Let us heed the words of the Father of our Country, employ these eternal rules of order and right, and get to work for the good of the people of Virginia.

Thank you and God Bless the Commonwealth of Virginia.

HONORING SEVEN AMERICANS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN ON DECEMBER 30, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of the seven CIA officers and contractors who gave their lives in the line of duty during the December 30 bombing of a CIA base in Khost, Afghanistan. I also want to recognize those Americans who were injured in the blast and offer my wishes for a full and quick recovery.

As we have all learned by now, a suicide bomber who was believed to possess information critical to counterterrorism operations entered the U.S. forward operating base in Khost, where he activated explosives that took the lives of seven Americans, including one of our nation's top counterterrorism experts. Six other Americans standing nearby were injured in the explosion.

The men and women of our intelligence community work behind a veil of secrecy, yet as this tragic incident reminds us, they are still exposed to the dangers that come from the difficult and often thankless job of protecting our country. Unlike our soldiers in uniform, these public servants must keep their many victories secret, while their rare failures and raw grief make headlines. My thoughts and prayers are with the families of these brave men and women. They, and all the other patriots who serve so honorably in our intelligence community, have my unending gratitude and my unwavering support. I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure that they have the tools, resources and encouragement they need to keep America safe.

THE FEHBP PRESCRIPTION DRUG INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND COST SAVINGS ACT

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I don't have to remind you that much of the public policy debate in this country has largely focused on healthcare reform and on how best to tackle rising costs, while ensuring access and quality at the same time. These calls for change in the healthcare policy arena have also been coupled with demands for a more fiscally responsible federal government.

Many policymakers look to the FEHBP as a model for providing health care. That's why it's important to ensure the program is providing the best benefits and at the best price for subscribers. Having conducted a Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia hearing in June, a September policy forum with key stakeholders, and months of additional research and collaboration, I have discovered that when it comes to prescription drugs, our federal employees and retirees are not receiving the best benefit at the best price. Considering that prescription drug costs comprise nearly 30% of the FEHBP's premiums, it is imperative that we do everything in our power to ensure that federal employees and the taxpayer are getting the best value for their dollar.

In short, the FEHBP health plans contract with Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to price and to provide the pharmacy benefit to FEHBP members. In contrast with other federal health programs, the FEHBP does not regulate or negotiate drug pricing for its members. Instead it relies on competition among the various carriers and PBMs to keep prices low. However, as we recently affirmed, prices are not low! In fact, when comparing FEHBP drug prices to those of other federal programs, such as the Veterans Administration, the Department of Defense, Medicare, Medicaid and the Public Health Service's 340B Program, the FEHBP is paying substantially more for its drugs. Even more alarming is that some research actually shows that Costco and drug-store.com offer their employees better prices for drugs than the FEHBP does for federal workers and retirees. In these economically challenging times, it is unacceptable to ask federal employees and the American taxpayer to put up with such an irregularity. If the FEHBP wants to remain a model for providing health benefits, legislative changes that allow for alternative prescription drug benefit contracting and pricing are in order.

For this reason, I am proud to be introducing legislation today that will afford the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) greater oversight authority in the contracting and pricing of the FEHBP prescription drug benefit. Titled "The FEHBP Prescription Drug Integrity, Transparency, and Cost Savings Act", this bill will prohibit certain ownership relationships; require Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to return 99% of all monies received from manufacturers for FEHBP business; cap prices paid by the health plan to the Average Manufacturer Price (AMP); restrict drug switching by PBMs; and require enhanced transparency and disclosure of all contract terms and related information. These requirements intend to not only

lower costs of prescription drugs in the FEHBP but to also provide our federal employees with a safer, higher quality prescription drug benefit.

In this day and age, when every effort is being made to reduce federal spending and to find money to fund healthcare reform and other domestic policy priorities, the level of ambiguity around costs and drug prices under the FEHBP is appalling and must change. What we have before us is an issue that can save the taxpayer billions of dollars while at the same time reduce premiums for federal workers and their families. All I ask of my colleagues is for their support in passing this important legislation.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO HAITI

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the resolution expressing condolences to and solidarity with the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010.

With reports of up to 200,000 deaths and more than 1.5 million people left homeless, this is the worst natural disaster incurred by Haiti in more than 200 years. As the poorest and least developed country in the Western Hemisphere, it is reassuring to see the United States and the international community coming together in solidarity to help this country in its hour of need. The 7.0 earthquake has caused upheaval for almost one-third of the Haitian population and wrecked the existing infrastructure, making roads impassable, hindering rescue/aid flights, and tainting water supplies.

The earthquake's destruction spared no nationality, no class, no age, no religion. Thousands of American volunteers and missionaries were also lost; however, due to the selflessness and quick action of first-responders, we are able to celebrate each life as survivors are found. The rescue effort has been led by rescue teams from around the world. Teams in Texas eagerly await the opportunity to deploy to Port-au-Prince and various organizations in my district have been holding fundraisers to contribute to the effort. Americans have contributed over \$200 million to major relief groups in just 7 days since this disaster, and their generosity will be important in the coming months as Haiti rebuilds its tangible resources as well as its national consciousness.

Haitian recovery from the tragic events in its capital city will require continued support from the international community, and I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in supporting the resolution expressing condolences to and solidarity with the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010.

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF THE 354TH EXPEDITIONARY FIGHTER SQUADRON

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron on their recent landmark deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

During their recent combat deployment, the 354th distinguished itself as the Air Force's premiere Close Air Support unit by flying more sorties per day, per aircraft, than any other ground-attack unit in the Central Command area.

Over the course of their 6-month tour, the unit flew more than 10,000 flight hours and launched more than 2,500 sorties in support of thousands of troops on the ground and all with only half of their full complement of aircraft.

The Bulldogs spearheaded the integration of the SADL communications system or Situational Awareness Data Link. They were also the first A-10 unit to forward deploy to Kandahar Airfield, closer to the action and closer to the enemy.

In order to remain airborne, the maintenance team worked around the clock to ensure a utilization rate of 210% of the usual domestic operational rate. For the 354th that meant 400 sorties a month.

The dedicated service of the airmen of the 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron has undoubtedly saved the lives of countless American, Coalition and Afghan ground forces and under the brutal conditions of an unrelenting Afghan winter.

As the first A-10 squadron in theater, the 354th has set the bar very high, but I am confident that their follow-on units will meet that standard.

On behalf of the people of Tucson, I am personally very proud to welcome home the 354th to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

CBS WINS LAP DOG AWARD

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, for the second time in a row, CBS is the winner of the Media Fairness Caucus' highly un-coveted "Lap Dog Award" for the week's most glaring example of media bias.

During CBS' coverage of the special election in Massachusetts on Tuesday evening, two hours before the polls closed, political analyst John Dickerson claimed that if Republican candidate SCOTT BROWN won the election, it would "get a lot uglier in Washington."

Brown went on to say that Republicans "feel excited and they see glory in attacking the President."

It's no wonder just 2 in 10 Americans say reporters try to offer unbiased coverage of political campaigns, according to a recent Rasmussen poll.

CBS and the national media should give Americans the facts, not tell them what to think.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN EGYPT

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share my concern and outrage over human rights abuses in Egypt.

I rise to ask that the Egyptian Government uphold the rights of all religious communities by ending discrimination and harassment of groups such as the Coptic Christians, and prosecuting those that do such groups harm.

An attack that happened just weeks ago starkly illustrates the need for change in Egypt. On January 6th, 2010, a drive-by shooting killed six Coptic Christians in Nag Hammadi. This deadly attack, carried out the night before the Coptic Christmas, is the most recent in a long history of repression and abuse of Coptic Christians in Egypt.

On January 14th, 2009, the U.S. Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Michael Posner, spoke out against this attack. He stressed the need for prosecution and justice in the country. Last October, the Department of State released its 2009 International Religious Freedom Report detailing the widespread and ongoing persecution of this community. The report also highlights increasing violence and the need for improved investigations.

While the United States and the human rights community have been vocal in condemning this attack and other human rights abuses, the Egyptian government has yet to recognize the full significance of the violent act or the overarching issue of intolerance in the country. Violence in the name of the religion is unacceptable, but when governments do not sufficiently address such behavior, the violence is far more troubling.

Religion is a fundamental freedom that must be upheld and respected around the world, in every nation and in every community. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in calling for religious freedom and basic rights for all people.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF OWASSO, OKLAHOMA

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the City of Owasso, Oklahoma, in the First Congressional District for receiving an A+ rating in government transparency by the online citizen's watchdog group, Sunshine Review. I congratulate the City of Owasso for receiving this prestigious award and becoming the first city in Oklahoma to receive a perfect grade.

The Sunshine Review is an online resource that monitors government transparency at the local, county, and state levels throughout the country. According to the organization, they seek to make government accountability and records accessible for all citizens and taxpayers to read. In order to assess a city's rating, the Sunshine Review compiles a "transparency checklist", consisting of ten basic sections of accountability. Each section must

have proper online access for its constituents to review governmental work, including budgets and contractual information for elected and administrative officials.

I am proud that Owasso became the first city in Oklahoma to receive this distinguished honor. As we work towards accountability and transparency in Congress, Owasso remains a shining example to local and state governments and to what our nation must accomplish as a whole. By receiving a perfect grade, the City of Owasso remains a shining example of a local government taking responsibility to its citizens and taxpayers they represent. All citizens deserve an open forum to see how their government spends their hard-earned, taxpayer dollars.

I firmly believe that an open and honest government is the most effective way to give Americans the transparency they deserve. Owasso's focus on this important issue illustrates their steadfast leadership to promote accountable governance at all levels. I am proud of the city for this great accomplishment.

KOREAN AMERICAN DAY 2010

HON. ENI F.H. FALÉOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. FALÉOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, last week, on January 13, we marked the 107th anniversary of the first Korean immigrants to the United States. From those few Korean individuals who came in 1903 to Hawaii, then a U.S. territory, the Korean American community has grown to nearly two million people.

For the first few decades of the 20th century, Korean immigration was impeded by U.S. law. Regrettably, until the 1960s, U.S. law refused to admit immigrants from East Asia. Fortunately, as attitudes about race and ethnicity changed and matured in the wake of the civil rights movement, these shameful barriers were removed. America became a land of opportunity not just for Europeans seeking refuge and comfort, but for people from Africa, Asia, and Latin America, as well.

Korean Americans have contributed immeasurably to our society and culture. They have raised families and built successful businesses, strong neighborhoods, active civic associations, churches, and charities. Korean Americans have served in the armed forces, been elected to public office, and been appointed to positions of authority in President Obama's administration.

In my capacity as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, I have paid close attention to issues of concern to the Korean American community. With many Korean Americans still having family ties to the Korean Peninsula, they care deeply about the continuing resilience of the U.S.-Korea alliance. When I served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam in the 1960s, I met many Korean soldiers who fought side by side with Americans, just as Americans had fought side-by-side with Koreans in the Korean War a decade and a half earlier.

The close alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea has included South Korea's important contributions to fighting terrorism around the world and promoting

democracy and liberal values. The Republic of Korea has remained a steadfast ally of the United States and ought to be considered America's greatest foreign policy success in the post-World War II era.

It is worth noting today that, later this year, we will be commemorating the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War. Veterans of that conflict, both Korean and American, have strong feelings about the U.S.-Korea alliance. I have attended many ceremonies at which Korean War veterans pay tribute to their fallen comrades and share their memories of the battlefield. Many of them have returned to Korea in peacetime to visit the friends they made and—in some cases—the families of their spouses.

Korean War veterans and members of the Korean American community are significant stakeholders in the maturation of the U.S.-Korea alliance, whether that means a security alliance in our mutual effort to denuclearize North Korea, whether it means growth in the number of Korean students who attend American colleges and universities, or whether it means broader and deeper business and trade ties.

The U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA), which was signed in June 2007 and awaits ratification and implementation, will bring substantial benefits to both of our countries. The U.S. International Trade Commission has forecast that the elimination of tariffs on U.S. goods under the KORUS FTA would increase the GDP of the United States by over \$10 billion annually. The agreement will also eliminate regulatory and other non-tariff barriers that have historically restricted access by American farmers, manufacturers, and service providers to the South Korean market.

Korea's economy is beginning to recover from the worldwide recession, with a special emphasis on creating "green jobs" and encouraging growth in 21st century industries that look to the future. At the same time, Korea remains a major market for American goods and services, for agricultural products, raw materials, and finished goods.

With growing uncertainty about our economy, it is critically important that we make every effort to spur U.S. economic growth and create new American jobs through securing access to markets in which U.S. farmers and businesses can compete and succeed. The KORUS FTA stands to further increase U.S. exports to Korea and will generate new jobs for Americans. This agreement will be a triple-win—a win for workers, a win for businesses, and a win for consumers.

Beyond trade, the United States and Korea share similar values and goals. Both countries are democratic republics, both desire peace on the Korean Peninsula and work to assure that nuclear weapons do not proliferate in Northeast Asia, and both want to see economic growth and opportunity throughout the world.

It is in this context that Korea will host and chair a meeting of the G-20 in November 2010. It is a remarkable achievement and one that is emblematic of how far Korea has come considering that 60 years ago, it was a war torn nation. I am confident that Korea will set an ambitious agenda for the G-20 to include how nations can turn to "Low Carbon, Green Growth" sectors to spur economic growth in the aftermath of the global financial crisis.

Last August, I had the privilege of visiting Korea to receive an Honorary Doctorate from Chonbuk National University. I had numerous opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue with our Korean friends on a host of issues. But above all, I was struck by the kind generosity and hospitality of the Korean people. The same has always been true of our Korean American friends as well.

Madam Speaker, this is why it is my honor to recognize January 13 as Korean American Day pursuant to House Resolution 487, which was passed in 2005 and introduced by my good friend Representative Tom Davis of Virginia. I urge my colleagues to offer their own expressions of support in recognizing the Korean American community and their achievements and the importance of a comprehensive U.S.-Korea alliance in diplomacy, business, and culture.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE McMAHON

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a former member of my staff and my dear friend, Anne McMahon.

Anne recently passed away after a tough battle with cancer. She leaves behind a wonderful loving family, including husband Peter and sons Jono and Ryan, and a host of friends and admirers across the country.

Anne was one of the first Congressional staffers who my late husband, Walter Capps, hired when he was elected in 1996. She was the anchor of Walter's and, later my, congressional office in San Luis Obispo, California. The consummate professional, she was completely plugged in to the local community and there was no issue or constituency that didn't have Anne's ear or attention.

Among her many talents, Anne was a wonderful writer, having worked as a local journalist for several years before moving to politics, where she worked not just with Walter and me but two county Supervisors as well. She was also a tireless advocate for the environment and worked extensively to preserve our beautiful Central Coast, including protecting Santa Margarita Ranch from development. Eventually her unquenchable love for the natural environment led her to other professional opportunities with The Nature Conservancy and most recently with the California Coastal Commission. She excelled in all these endeavors and brought to all of them her relentless commitment to leaving the world a better place than she found it.

Walter and I both loved Anne for her commitment to public service and tireless devotion to her community. But we also reveled in her vibrant personality, her irreverent and irrepressible wit, and her enthusiastic embrace of all life's joys and sorrows. I know that this healthy outlook on life, along with the endless support from her family and friends, brought her strength during the difficult days of the past year.

Anne touched many lives and inspired all of us. She faced her battle with cancer with the same courage, grace, and sense of humor that guided her throughout her life. Everyone who knew Anne thought the world of her and

I know that I am not the only one who is heartbroken by her passing.

My thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family during this difficult time.

SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVES OF CHICAGO WILDERNESS

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 860, a resolution supporting the Leave No Child Inside initiative and the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. For our children's physical, emotional and intellectual growth, it is important for them to spend time outdoors and in nature. Unstructured playtime nourishes childhood development by stimulating imagination and creativity and building healthy habits.

America's children are spending less time outside, and more time in front of the television or computer. This loss of exercise and exploration negatively affects their physical health, and it causes problems later in life. Nearly 119 million American adults are currently overweight or obese. Childhood obesity has doubled since 1980, costing Americans more than \$117 billion per year. We simply cannot afford to leave our children inside.

The Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights is a call to fight obesity and to provide and promote quality outdoor activities for our children. For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 860.

RECOGNIZING ALAN SPENCER OF MONETT, MISSOURI

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an educator and coach who has helped mold, inspire and motivate young men and women for almost four decades in Southwest Missouri. I am proud to recognize Monett High School coach and educator, Alan Spencer, upon his retirement at the end of the 2010 school year.

For 35 years, Alan has had a number of considerable coaching accomplishments. However, his higher calling is to teach and instill in young men and women the traits of a strong moral character. He has taught that success in any endeavor is marked by hard work, respect, and dedication in working as a team to accomplish a common goal.

In his retirement letter, Alan demonstrated his philosophy of success as a coach and respected mentor. He wrote, "Our coaches and student/athletes have gained more than just skills and knowledge of the activities they compete and coach in. They have learned about loyalty, accountability, responsibility and trust. They understand that a team cannot be successful without pride in your performance, effort to make yourself and the team better, determination to overcome all obstacles, enthusiasm for the game and respect of your opponents and teammates."

Alan has been head football coach, athletic director, women's track coach and teacher for the Monett Cubs sports program for nine years. During that period, the Cubs football teams have gone 58–36 and won or shared championships in the Big 8 Conference in 2004, 2007 and 2008. Under his nine years of leadership, the women's track team captured Big 8 Conference crowns five times.

Alan's career began as a coach at Neosho High School in 1975. His first head coaching job was at Nevada, Missouri in 1980. From there Alan coached at Springfield Parkview High School, Springfield Central High School and at Rogers, Arkansas before going to Monett in 2002.

Alan has been recognized many times for his hard work for students and teams. This year, he will be inducted into Missouri's Football Coaches Hall of Fame. He was named the 2008–2009 Missouri Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's Athletic Director of the Year for the Southwest District. In 2004 and 2008, Alan was named Big 8 Coach of the Year.

Alan plans to spend time in his retirement with his family and friends while enjoying fishing and hunting. I know Coach Spencer will continue to find ways to use his talents as a motivator to inspire other young people to the highest standards of service to their school, their community and their country.

ON INTRODUCING THE WILDLIFE AND ZOOLOGICAL VETERINARY MEDICINE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Wildlife and Zoological Veterinary Medicine Enhancement Act of 2010. This legislation will develop affordable opportunities for well qualified individuals who are seeking to become wildlife and zoological veterinarians, spur job growth and promote robust public health policy.

Wildlife and zoo veterinarians are the primary source of essential health care for and management of wild animals in their natural habitat and in captivity. Not only do they preserve natural resources and animal lives, but they help protect human health by preventing, detecting, and responding to exotic and dangerous diseases.

With the intensification of globalization and climate change, along with a growing interface between humans, livestock, and wildlife, the threat posed by emerging infectious diseases to humans and wildlife keeps increasing. Controlling pandemic and large-scale outbreaks of disease has become more problematic. However, the United States faces a shortage of positions for wildlife and zoo veterinarians.

On average, veterinarian graduates owe \$130,000 in student loans. Upon graduation, professionals practicing wildlife and zoological veterinary medicine earn relatively low salaries, compared to companion animal medicine. Lower salaries, combined with high educational debt and the small number of positions available discourage students from becoming wildlife and zoo veterinarians. The

number of practical trainings and formal educational programs specializing in wildlife and zoological veterinary medicine are also insufficient to allow graduates to make significant contributions.

My bill will directly address these issues which prevent and dissuade veterinarians from practicing wildlife and zoological medicine. It will participate in the national job creation effort by funding new positions for wildlife and zoo veterinarians and will ensure that veterinary students find jobs upon graduation. The bill will also limit the amount of educational debt for students while providing incentives to study and practice wildlife and zoo veterinary medicine through the establishment of scholarships and loan repayment programs. Lastly, my legislation will advance education by helping schools develop pilot curricula specializing in wildlife and zoo veterinary medicine and by expanding the number of practical training programs available to students.

Madam Speaker, we have reached a point in our history when we cannot ignore the importance of protecting America's wildlife. Wild animals are a very important part of our commonly held natural resources and contribute to maintaining a balanced ecosystem. With an increasing number of endangered species, the introduction of invasive non-native species, and more infectious disease threats, wildlife and zoological veterinarians must be placed at the core of our efforts and be given the resources and recognition necessary to protect both animal and human lives.

I urge my colleagues to extend a helping hand to America's veterinarians by supporting this important piece of legislation.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HIS EXCELLENCY ABDULAZIZ KAMILOV, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of my friend, His Excellency Abdulaziz Kamilov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United States.

With distinction, Ambassador Kamilov has represented Uzbekistan in the United States for the past seven years. Before he accepted his assignment to come to the United States in 2003, he was a State Advisor to the President of his home country.

Some three years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, Mr. Kamilov became the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan, the highest diplomatic position in the newly-formed Republic. He served in this prestigious post for nine years.

Mr. Kamilov holds a Ph.D. in the History of International Relations and Foreign Policy. He was President of the University of World Economy and Diplomacy for almost a decade.

Ambassador Kamilov spent much of his early career in rigorous study of the Middle East. He held numerous positions in the Middle East Department of the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs of the USSR. He is fluent in English and Arabic.

His Excellency Kamilov is an experienced diplomat who understands that the U.S. and Uzbekistan have mutual interests, and our relationship has been immeasurably enhanced by his professionalism, intelligence and friendship.

At times when relations between our country and Uzbekistan were uncertain, Ambassador Kamilov remained steadfast, becoming a key figure in strengthening and rebuilding our security and economic alliance.

Ambassador Kamilov is to be commended for his loyalty in discharging his duties to his President, His Excellency Islam Karimov, and the people of Uzbekistan.

As Ambassador Kamilov moves on to new responsibilities and assignments, I extend to him and President Karimov my highest regards and best wishes.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES FOR GOLDYE LEVI

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express condolences and honor the life of my dear friend, political activist, and Dallasite, Goldye Levi.

Mr. Levi, a life-long Democrat, gave so much of his time and energy supporting his party by serving in national and local leadership positions. He had a front-seat to one of the most intriguing points in American history as the Treasurer of the Democratic National Committee during the 1972 break-in of the Watergate building. He brought his expertise of the political process to Dallas County as a Democratic Precinct Chair, and through the years he encouraged countless Democrats to get out and vote. As a candidate for Dallas County Tax Assessor, he also sought to use his experience as a certified public accountant to serve his community. Mr. Levi demonstrated the ultimate in civic duty and Dallas has lost a great advocate.

Our government, "by the people," rests wholly on the willingness of citizens to actively participate in the political process—citizens like Mr. Levi. I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in expressing condolences and honoring the life of Mr. Goldye Levi.

HONORING SIDNEY SINGER

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, the veterans community in Southwestern Pennsylvania lost a dear friend last Wednesday with the passing of Sidney Singer. While we often talk in Congress about the veterans who have fought for our country and freedom, Mr. Singer fought for veterans. A veteran himself, having served in the Army Air Forces from 1942 to 1945, Sidney dedicated his life to helping homeless veterans. Many of who suffered from drug and alcohol addictions.

Because of Mr. Singer's vision and tireless efforts Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard was built for Pittsburgh's veterans. First opened in 1992, it started as a transitional housing project. Due to enormous success was expanded in 2003. The units provide a home for veterans as they recover and transition back into society.

Sydney knew that Veterans Place had to be more than just a place to live, but also a place for veterans to get back on their feet. This is why Veterans Place has a Service Center to give veterans job training, life skills, and alcohol and drug counseling.

Even in his final moments, Sydney's thoughts were with his fellow veterans. On his deathbed, Sydney described his vision to expand Veterans Place right down to the details of the kitchens.

While Sydney is no longer with us, his legacy will live on in Pittsburgh. He will continue to be with every veteran granted a new lease on life at Veterans Place.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,327,380,804,696.82.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,688,955,058,403.02 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING SGT. KIMBERLY
MUNLEY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today we honor one of our nation's bravest women, Sgt. Kimberly Munley. Sgt. Munley responded within three minutes after gunfire was reported at Ft. Hood, Texas. If it was not for her quick and heroic response, many more could have been killed. Sgt. Munley was shot during the exchange, but continued shooting at the gunman even after being wounded herself. Her bravery serves as a stark contrast to the cowardly actions of the shooter. Sgt. Munley portrayed the real courage that all of our men and women in the Armed Forces embody that we are all grateful for.

HONORING SEVEN AMERICANS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN ON DE- CEMBER 30, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 1009, which honors the seven Americans who died in the bombing that took place in Khost, Afghanistan on December 30, 2009, and the families of those patriots for their service and their sacrifice to our country.

These men and women were on the front lines of the battle against terrorism and worked tirelessly on a daily basis for the safety of the American and Afghanistan people. Their absence will be greatly felt throughout the intelligence community.

In 2008, I had the opportunity to visit Khost with the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army along with a Texas Reserve Unit based in Pasadena, Texas in our district. There, I saw these men and women working under harsh conditions, away from their loved ones, and in the face of great risks. Our entire nation owes a great debt to all the men and women working to protect our country and stabilize Afghanistan.

Again, I would like to express my deepest condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of those killed in the bombings and also offer my support and hope for a full recovery to the other six Americans who were wounded in this tragic bombing.